

**CALNE TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Town Development and Planning Committee
held on Tuesday 27 January 2016 in the Large Hall of the Town Hall**

PRESENT: Councillor H R Marshall – **Town Mayor**
Councillor T W B Rounds – **Deputy Town Mayor**
Councillor MRs G J Ansell – Calne North
Councillor Mrs H E Canfer – Calne Chilvester & Abberd
Councillor A K Hill – Calne South
Councillor P M Redmond – Calne Central (*arrived at 6.50pm*)
Councillor R J Stigwood – Calne Chilvester & Abberd
Councillor G P Widger – Calne South

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor A J Trotman

OFFICERS: Mrs Linda Roberts – Town Clerk
Mrs Clare Harris – PA to the Town Clerk

PUBLIC & PRESS:

There were two members of the public present, who spoke during public participation and strongly objected to planning application 15/12651/FUL – Land adjacent to 81-83 The Pippin and rear of 8-13 High Street, Calne.

119/15 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors MacNaughton and Warnett.

120/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall declared an interest as a member of the Northern Area Planning Committee at Wiltshire Council. Councillor Marshall will take part in the debate and will vote, however he reserves the right to change his opinion in light of new evidence and discussion at future meetings at Wiltshire Council.

Councillor Mrs Ansell also declared an interest as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee at Wiltshire Council. Councillor Mrs Ansell will take part in the debate and will vote, however she reserves the right to change her opinion in light of new evidence and discussion at future meetings at Wiltshire Council.

121/15 MINUTES

The minutes of the Town Development & Planning committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 January 2016, having previously been circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

122/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SCHEDULE 13 – 2015/16

<u>Application Number</u>		<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location of Development/ Ward</u>	<u>Description of Development</u>
1	15/12561/FUL	McCarthy & Stone	Land adjacent to 81-83 The Pippin and rear of 8-13 High Street CALNE CENTRAL	Proposed Erection of a Building Comprising 32 Retirement Apartments with Associated Communal Facilities, Parking, Access & Landscaped Grounds. Rear Access Path & 3 Car Parking Spaces for Bank Premises on High Street
<p>Members <u>strongly objected</u> to this application and resolved to delegate authority to the Chairman and Town Clerk to formulate a letter of objection on behalf of the Town Council.</p>				
2	15/12560/FUL	Mrs M Howard	31 Church Street CALNE CENTRAL	Proposed Change of Use of Ground Floor Restaurant, Take-away & Storage Areas to 4 Residential Units to Rear (Including Bin Storage Area) with Shop & Office use to Main Street Frontage Area of Building, Demolish Detached Kitchen Area
<p>Whilst members had concerns over the limited parking in this area for residents of the new dwellings they resolved not to object to this application.</p>				
3	16/00005/FUL	Calne Town Council	Castlefields Canal & River Park CALNE CENTRAL	Proposed partial demolition of stone retaining wall, removal of trees, partial rebuilding & stabilisation of wall
<p>Members did not object to this application.</p>				
4	16/00064/TCA	Mr King	90 Anchor Road CALNE CENTRAL	Re-pollard 3 Willows, Fell 1 Willow and 1 Ash Tree
<p>Members were happy to delegate authority to the tree officer at Wiltshire Council.</p>				

5	16/00071/TCA	Mr Boylett	73 North Street CALNE CHILVESTER & ABBERD	Up to 50% reduction to Eucalyptus
Members were happy to delegate authority to the tree officer at Wiltshire Council.				
6	16/00073/LBC 15/12655/FUL	Miss Lyons	15 Curzon Street CALNE CHILVESTER & ABBERD	Proposed conservatory
Whilst members did not object to this application they had concerns over the use of white UPVC for the structure of the conservatory, on a listed building. Members felt that green or brown upvc or a wooden structure would be more appropriate; however, Members were happy to delegate authority to the Listed Building Officer to make an informed decision.				
7	16/00109/TCA	Calne Town Council	Land at Castlefields Canal & River Park CALNE CENTRAL	Tree Removals, works and replanting. See Tree Report for full details
Members did not object to this application.				
8	16/00134/FUL	Elm Office Products Ltd	The Space Centre, Porte Marsh Road CALNE NORTH	Proposed change of use from B1 (office) to B8 (storage and siting of storage containers & associated works)
Members did not object to this application.				
9	16/00204/FUL	Wiltshire Wildlife Trust	Unit 5, 2 Porte Marsh Road CALNE NORTH	Change of Use of Unit 5 from Materials Recycling Facility to Include a Mixed Use of the Repair, Cleaning & Servicing of Discarded Household Electrical Items & Their Re-sale to the Public
Members did not object to this application.				
10	16/00306/TCA	Mrs Serena Boase	20 The Green CALNE SOUTH	25% reduction to Cherry Plum (T1) and Coppice Bay (T2)

Members were happy to delegate authority to the tree officer at Wiltshire Council.				
11	<u>16/00458/FUL</u>	Mr Martin Tarrant	8b Wessington Park CALNE SOUTH	Side extension
Member did not object to this application.				

123/15 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS – LIST 13 – 2015/16

Members noted the decisions.

124/15 TOWN EVENTS WORKING GROUP - EVENT DATES 2016

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Rounds, seconded by Councillor Redmond and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to agree (a) the proposed event dates for 2016 and (b) that the Christmas Festival is held on the first Saturday in December annually.

125/15 COLEMAN’S FARM AND WOODROFFE SQUARE REGENERATION PLANS

Members discussed the letter from Phil Bowley of Greensquare. Members were extremely disappointed at yet another delay in a series of delays in regenerating the area of Coleman’s Farm and Woodroffe Square. These issues have been on-going for many years. There are families with small children and elderly people living in completely unacceptable and in some cases squalid conditions. Greensquare are ultimately responsible, however, Homes for Wiltshire also have a role to play in the allocation of homes in Calne and serious consideration should be given to re-homing the residents, who are currently living these unacceptable conditions, into suitable accommodation as a matter of urgency. Members recall that Greensquare have recently completed a housing project in Stanier Road, Calne, the purpose of which members understood was to house residents of Coleman’s Farm and Woodroffe Square whilst this area was regenerated. Is this now not the case?

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Widger and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Town Clerk to write a strongly worded response to Greensquare and Homes for Wiltshire condemning their lack of progress in this area and requesting that priority is be given to regeneration in Calne in the near future.

126/15 PARKING ISSUES ON KINGSBURY STREET

Members were briefed on the reasons for re-visiting this issue and the process members would need to follow if they decided to pursue this issue. Members could seek to apply to Wiltshire Council to remove a parking bay at the top of Kingsbury Street.

Members resolved to take no further action.

127/15 CALNE AREA BOARD/FOCUS ON FIVE - EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP

Members noted the date and details of the forthcoming workshop.

128/15 WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – AREA BOARD ISSUES

Members discussed the system currently in place with regards the reporting of issues via Wiltshire Council. On occasions issues coming through for the Town Council are lacking in essential detail and in some cases it is impossible to understand the actual issue being reported.

It as proposed by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Widger and

UNIMOUSLY RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Town Clerk/Officers of the Town Council to assess issues coming forward and if they believe they are unclear to request clarification from Wiltshire Council before putting these issues on the agenda for this committee.

128.1. Issue 4404 – Bus lane in The Pippin

Members were happy for this to be investigated further by CATG and suggested the following potential solutions for investigation:

- The installation of electric bus bollards
- Re-opening to one way traffic, not just buses
- Re-opening to two- way traffic, not just buses

128.2. Issue 4405 – Dropping Kerbs along Braemor Road

Whilst members supported the general need for dropped kerbs at numerous locations in and around Calne, the information contained within this issue is unclear as it refers not only to dropped kerbs but also the state of the pavements and other issues, consequently this needs further explanation. Members requested more information/clarification to enable them to make an informed decision.

128.3 Issue 4288 – Parking on grass at The Wynd

Members resolved not to support any further investigation into this issue and suggested that this should be referred to Greensquare for action.

129/15 WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – CONSULTATION ON FREE PARKING DAYS FOR EVENTS

Members requested to keep the two free days currently allocated to the Town Council and asked that a scheme could be devised whereby Council's or other groups could make arrangements with Wiltshire Council for further days on a case by case basis.

130/15 CALNE COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Members noted the minutes of the last meeting.

131/15 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

132/15 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2016

Members discussed the proposals for this event in some detail.

It was proposed by Councillor Hill, seconded by the Town Mayor, Councillor Marshall and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to proceed with the proposed plans for this year's festival and to delegate authority to the Town Clerk to issue a press release in due course.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm