

The Planning & Environment Committee

MILBORNE PORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting

Tuesday 17th August 2021 at the Town Hall

Present:

Councillors: Mr R Tizzard, (Chairman), Mr T Carty (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. T Watts, Cllr. R Lockey, Cllr. T Campbell

In attendance:

Miss N Hetherington – Deputy Parish Clerk/Committee Officer

Cllr. Sarah Dyke (SSDC)

4 members of the public

Public Question and Comment Time:

- See Item 6 re. Old Eason's Office.
- Lydia Dunne from Whiteacre Planning spoke in support of Item 4(1) and described/explained the plans.

Agenda Number:	Agenda Item:
1	Apologies for Absence: None.
2	Declarations of Interest: None.
3	Adoption of Minutes: The informal minutes of the meetings of April, May, June and July 2021 were formally adopted unanimously.
4	Planning, Tree and Licensing Applications made to South Somerset District Council: Application 1 Application Reference: 21/02430/FUL What is proposed: Proposed demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of dwelling Where it is proposed: The Barn, Land OS 6540, Fiddlers Green Road, Corton Denham Deadline for response: 27th August 2021 Support. Application 2 Application Reference: 21/02315/HOU

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	<p>What is proposed: Erection of single storey summerhouse to rear garden Where it is proposed: Morecroft, Brook Street, Milborne Port, DT9 5DN Deadline for response: 18th August 2021</p> <p>Support.</p> <p><u>Application 3</u> Application Reference: 21/02377/HOU What is proposed: New single storey garage extension to the side of the property. Where it is proposed: Peaceville Farm, Wick Road, Milborne Port Deadline for response: 25th August 2021</p> <p>Support.</p> <p><u>Application 4</u> Application Reference: 21/02058/S73A What is proposed: S73A application to vary conditions 02 (materials) & 06 (approved plan) of 14/03590/FUL to amend the design of the garage roof to accommodate an attic room Where it is proposed: Land at Springfield, Station Road, Milborne Port Deadline for response: 31st August 2021</p> <p>Clarification is to be sought from SSDC Planning Specialist David Kenyon regarding the lack of layout plan of the site showing the proposed new access point nine yards from the currently approved one; MPPC cannot respond to this application without that clarification but aims to meet the deadline of 31st August.</p> <p>Action: Committee Officer to contact David Kenyon and then liaise with members.</p> <p><i>SSDC update on previous applications discussed:</i> <i>Erection of 2 detached dwelling Springfield/Station Road - awaiting decision</i> <i>The Old Bakery, High Street - change of use - awaiting decision</i> <i>8 Newtown - demolition of outbuilding and building of new outbuilding - awaiting decision</i> <i>Wynders, Wick Road - extensions – awaiting decision</i> <i>White House Farm – caravan site – awaiting decision</i> <i>White House Farm – part demolition & extension – approved with conditions</i> <i>Old Printing Works conversion to dwellings – awaiting decision</i> <i>Seven Wells – extensions and alterations – approved with conditions</i></p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Planning and Environment Committee Budget Update</p> <p>The latest budget spending information was received. There was a query regarding why S106 monies for the Gainsborough playpark play equipment are not yet showing; Committee Officer to confirm that this is because the funding has not yet reached the Parish Council's accounts.</p> <p>Action: Committee Officer to liaise with the Clerk regarding S106 monies.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Pre-application Consultations</p> <p>The owners of the Old Eason's Office spoke in support for her plans to convert the building to a residential unit and to gauge members' views; no formal plans have yet been submitted to SSDC. Cllr. Carty and other members reiterated the views already expressed in correspondence with the owner: MPPC cannot express a view until plans are submitted to</p>

	<p>SSDC but believes that the conservation and access issues will present a challenge to the owner. The owner gave permission to Cllr. Carty to distribute the draft plans for information.</p> <p>The likely planning application by Burrington for the development of the Court Lane site was discussed and the issue surrounding the non-disclosure of pre-application information by SSDC. It was resolved, with advice from Cllr. Dyke, that the Committee Officer would write to John Hammond, Interim Head of Service at SSCD Planning Department, to invite him to meet to discuss strategic sites in Milborne Port.</p> <p>Actions: Cllr. Carty to distribute the owner's draft plans to members for information. Committee Officer to liaise with John Hammond re. a meeting.</p>
7	<p>Broadband Improvements</p> <p>Cllr. Dyke offered some clarification as to why Wessex Internet would not be able to improve high-speed broadband provision to Milborne Port for another year; it is because they have prioritised areas with provision of less than 30 megabytes per second and Milborne Port already has provision higher than this to its hubs, although not necessarily to individual households. Cucklington is an example of a parish where EU vouchers have significantly subsidised provision to households and these vouchers are likely to still be in existence in the future.</p> <p>It was resolved to ask the Office to research further the issue of improving high speed broadband provision to households in the village at the earliest opportunity and to present the Committee with its findings.</p> <p>Action: Office to carry out research and report back to the Committee.</p>
8)	<p>Other Verbal Updates</p> <p>a) Current housing development applications I. Redcliffe/Wheathill Lane (RT, TCar, TCam) – nothing to report. II. Other recent news/information (All) – nothing to report.</p> <p>b) Neighbourhood Plan (TCar, TCam) Cllr. Carty will canvas opinion of the group re. action in light of changes to the Local Plan.</p> <p>c) Construction Management of Active Sites (TCam) It was noted that the development at Meadowside in Lower Kingsbury is incomplete in terms of access and landscaping; members will also continue monitor progress there relating to compliance.</p> <p>d) Highway Issues (TCar, TCam, RL) It was noted that there has been no start yet to work on the new crossing at Crackmore.</p> <p>Action: Committee Officer to contact Cllr. William Wallace (SCC) for an update and Cllr. Campbell will contact Kerry Jones for the same.</p> <p>e) Infrastructure (S106) Projects:</p>

I. Rugby pitch conversion at Springfield

It was decided that the planned grass seeding by Queen Thorne at the end of August is not an appropriate time after all and that the work needs to be pushed back to the beginning of April 2022. It was noted that that Queen Thorne have not provided a better service in terms of timings and the issue with the weed killer.

Action: Committee Officer to liaise with Clerk/Queen Thorne.

II. Playpark development at Gainsborough

There will be a formal 'welcoming' of the new play equipment on Tuesday 24th August, 5-7pm, attended by as many councillors as possible and by the Officers; Cllr. Dyke also hopes to attend. (This will also be an opportunity for potential councillors to meet serving councillors in order to find out more about the role.) Cllr. Lockey gave his apologies for not being able to attend. All commented on how impressive the new equipment is and on the high quality of the provision in general at Gainsborough.

f) Outdoor Recreation Activities (All) – nothing to report.

g) Cycling Initiatives (TCam)

Cllr. Dyke reported that there has been progress with the Rail-to-Trail Wincanton-Bruton cycle route and advised a meeting between SSDC's Tim Cook and project co-ordinator Sonia Kundu and Cllrs. Campbell and MacArthur; Cllr. Dyke offered to organise this.

At the end of the meeting, Cllr. Dyke took time to explain the reasons behind the recent problem with waste-disposal following the roll-out of the new recycling scheme by Somerset Waste Partnership.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm