

CESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

held on Monday 27th June 2011

PRESENT Councillor V.M. Abraham – Chairman (presiding)

Councillor	A. K. Bacon	Councillor	R.C. McCulloch
"	Miss R.K. Bhatti	"	Mrs C. M. Michael
"	Ms J.E. Bramwell	"	Mrs A.M. Pirouet
"	N. L. Brown	"	M. W. Shaw
"	Mrs P. R. Cherrill	"	C.H. Spruytenburg
"	P. J. Hudson	"	F.S. Wilson
"	Mrs C. Littley	"	P.W. Yerrell

Officer: W. Richards - Town Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Fayyaz, T. Franks, D.J. Lacey and Mrs G. Walker.

9. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs Pirouet declared a personal interest in planning application no. CH/11/8054/FA as a near neighbour of the applicant.

Councillors Brown and Mrs Pirouet declared a personal interest in all agenda items in light of their respective membership of Chiltern District Council's Planning Committee.

10. **MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on Monday 6th June 2011 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

11. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered all planning applications received from Chiltern District Council since the last meeting of the Committee and made comments and observations thereon as set out on the attached schedule.

12. **DECISION NOTICES**

The Committee noted the Decision Notices received from Chiltern District Council since the last meeting of the Committee as set out on the attached schedule.

13. **WHITE PAPER ON WATER UPDATE**

The Committee considered the report from the Policy and Projects Officer in respect of the Water White Paper and the correspondence between officers and DEFRA representatives pertaining to the 'Our Rivers' campaign.

In noting the Environment Agency briefing notes on the topic, Councillor Bacon highlighted that the Agency had specifically stated it would welcome the opportunity to discuss work to enhance the ecological value of the River Chess with this Council. Accordingly therefore he suggested that a representative of the Environment Agency be invited to address the Council. This was agreed by the Committee.

It was

RESOLVED

that the report be noted and that a representative of the Environment Agency be invited to address the Council.

14. **INFORMATION ITEM**

The item presented on the Information Sheet was received and noted.

In respect to advice on the approval procedure for the siting and erecting of telecommunications equipment, Councillor Abraham raised his concern over the relatively short timeframe for the planning authority to make a decision on whether 'prior approval' is required for equipment. However it was accepted that this timeframe was laid down by central government.

15. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

CHAIRMAN

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1) **CH/11/0628/HB** **2 Pednormead End Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Replacement dormer window to northwestern side elevation

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

2) **CH/11/0676/FA** **5 Belsam Close Chesham** **RIDGEWAY**

Description: Conversion of garage to residential accommodation incorporating alterations to fenestration details, widening of existing vehicular access and laying of additional hardstanding

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

3) **CH/11/0678/FA** **79 Lowndes Avenue Chesham** **LOWNDES**

Description: Single storey front extension

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

4) **CH/11/0693/FA** **45 Rose Drive Chesham** **WATERSIDE**

Description: Single storey rear extension

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

5) **CH/11/0712/SA** **184 Waterside Chesham** **WATERSIDE**

Description: Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed operation relating to the erection of replacement boundary walls, pillars and gates

The Committee has no comments to make in respect of this application.

6) **CH/11/0725/FA** **15 Eunice Grove Chesham** **WATERSIDE**

Description: Single storey rear extension and front porch

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

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13) **CH/11/0831/TP** **2C Prior Grove Chesham** **TOWNSEND**

Description: Felling of a beech tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order

The Committee raises its concern on the felling of a beech tree, particularly as it is a lone tree, and believes that the option of pruning, rather than felling, be given serious consideration.

14) **CH/11/0833/FA** **7 Chestnut Avenue Chesham** **HILLTOP**

Description: Retention of detached outbuilding in rear garden (amendment to details approved by planning permission CH/2010/1563/FA)

The Committee, while noting there appears to be some disagreement between the applicant and a neighbour upon the basis for this amendment to planning permission, raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

15) **CH/11/0847/FA** **1 Germain Street Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Redevelopment of part of site to provide a 2/3 storey building comprising 14 flats with bin and cycle stores, together with change of use of listed building and external alterations to provide 4 independent office units (one for occupation by financial and professional services/Class A2)

The Committee, on the understanding that the historic front façade is maintained, **WELCOME** this application as an improvement to the existing street scene.

16) **CH/11/0848/HB** **1 Germain Street Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Demolition of rear lean-to and internal and external alterations to listed building, including insertion of new windows, new internal partition walls and infilling of door, to facilitate its conversion to three office units and one professional services unit.

The Committee, on the understanding that the historic front façade is maintained, **WELCOME** this application as an improvement to the existing street scene

17) **CH/11/0854/FA** **2 Bevan Hill Chesham** **ASHERIDGE VALE**

Description: Retention of single storey rear extension and increase in ridge height of existing single storey flat roof garage

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application while noting that work has already commenced.

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18) CH/11/0855/SA

80 Eskdale Avenue Chesham

TOWNSEND

Description: Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed operation relating to the erection of a rear dormer window

The Committee has no comments to make in respect of this application.
