

CHESHAM TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

held on Monday 6th January 2014

PRESENT Councillor N.L. Brown. – Chairman (presiding)

Councillor	A. K. Bacon	Councillor	R. C. McCulloch
"	M. Fayyaz	"	Mrs C. M. Michael
"	T. Franks	"	C. H. Spruytenburg
"	P. J. Hudson	"	F. S. Wilson
"	Mrs R. Juett	"	P. W. Yerrell
"	C. Littley		

Officer: W. Richards - Town Clerk

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors V. M. Abraham Miss R. K. Bhatti, Mrs C. I Boxer, Mrs P. R. Cherrill, Mrs A.M. Pirouet and M. W. Shaw

84. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Wilson declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application no. CH/13/1940/FA as a neighbour of the property and left the Council Chamber thereof before the application was discussed.

Councillor Fayyaz declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 as a friend of the owner of a property under consideration for redevelopment and left the Council Chamber thereof before the application was discussed.

85. **MINUTES**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on Monday 9th December 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

86. **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.

87. **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.

88. **HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP MEETING**

Members received the Minutes of the meeting of the Highways Working Group held on the 4th December 2013.

It was

RESOLVED

that the Minutes be noted.

Arising out of Minute No. 3, it was noted that another meeting with the author of the Parking Review report was scheduled for the 8th January. Various Members on the Working Group expressed their disappointment with the recommendations and stated that they hoped the meeting would rectify this. Councillor Mrs Juett stated that several of the roads under consideration were in her ward and asked whether she could attend the meeting. This was agreed.

Arising out of Minute No. 2, Members briefly discussed the recent heavy rainfall in town. While it was accepted no major flooding had occurred, there were areas of significant ponding, possibly caused by blocked drains. The Chairman advised that he, and the Mayor, in their capacity as County Councillors, were meeting the new Local Area Technicians on the 8th January. He therefore requested that any local issues in respect to blocked drains, or other major highway concerns, were forwarded to him and/or Councillor Shaw by Members before the meeting so they could raise them accordingly with officers.

89. **APPEAL – CALA HOMES, AMERSHAM AND WYCOMBE COLLEGE, LYCROME ROAD CHESHAM.**

The Committee considered whether it wished to send a representative to the appeal hearing set by the Secretary of State for the 21st January 2014.

Members did not consider it necessary for the Council to be represented but agreed that Councillor Shaw, in his capacity as Mayor and ward Member, be authorised to attend if he so wished.

90. **APPEAL – GREENSANDS ESTATES LTD, LAND TO REAR OF 16-24 LOWNDES AVENUE AND 106-142 BELLINGDON ROAD.**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Council make no further comments in respect of this Appeal.

91. **APPEAL – THE SPINNEY, LYCROME ROAD, CHESHAM**

It was

RESOLVED

that the Council make no further comments in respect of this Appeal

92. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

The items presented on the Information Sheet were received and noted.

Councillor Brown reminded the Committee that, following information forwarded by the Clerk, the Delegated Budget bids to Buckinghamshire County Council would be discussed at the next Development Control meeting and opined that it would be advantageous for Members to forward suggestions to the Clerk in advance of that meeting.

93. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.04pm.

CHAIRMAN

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1) **CH/2013/1775/FA** **39 Cresswell Road Chesham** **WATERSIDE**

Description: Single storey front/side extension.

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

2) **CH/2013/1899/FA** **29 Darvell Drive Chesham** **ASHERIDGE VALE**

Description: Part first floor, part single storey front/side/rear extension.

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

3) **CH/2013/2015/KA** **The Meades 32 Germain Street Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Crown thinning of a cedar within a Conservation Area.

The Committee defers to the comments of its Tree Warden who recommends a 20% crown reduction and general thinning to the cedar which is in need of some long, overdue care.

4) **CH/2013/1849/SA** **10 Chapmans Crescent Chesham** **LOWNDES**

Description: Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed operation relating the erection of a single storey side/rear extension.

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

5) **CH/2013/1877/FA** **Skipton Building Society** **10 - 16 Market Square Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Change of use of part of ground floor and first and second floors to provide 6 residential flats (Use Class C3) .

The Committee **WELCOMES** the application in providing residential flats in the town centre.

6) **CH/2013/1878/HB** **Skipton Building Society** **10 - 16 Market Square Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Internal and external alterations to facilitate change of use of part of ground floor and first and second floors to provide 6 residential flats.

The Committee **WELCOMES** the application in providing residential flats in the town centre subject to the comments of the Historic Buildings Officer

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7) **CH/2013/1891/FA** **27 Manor Way Chesham** **HILLTOP**

Description: Single storey and first floor rear extension, roof light and fenestration alterations to north east elevation, and alterations to elevation treatment.

The Committee raises **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application but raises its concern on possible overlooking on no.25 and its bulk and height.

8) **CH/2013/1940/FA** **16 The Braid Chesham** **HILLTOP**

Description: Single storey side/rear extension, single storey garage/workshop building linked to dwelling by new roof, closure of existing access and the formation of new vehicular access with associated hardstanding (amendment to planning permission CH/2013/1271/FA).

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

9) **CH/2013/1943/FA** **8 Warrender Road Chesham** **HILLTOP**

Description: Two storey side extension and alterations to fenestration.

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

10) **CH/2013/2048/KA** **Landlink Ltd** **The Red Lion Public House Red Lion Street Chesham** **ST. MARY'S**

Description: Crown reduction and crown lifting of three sycamore trees within a Conservation Area but not subject to a TPO.

The Committee defers to the comments of its Tree Warden who recommends a crown reduction of 25% to the three trees and the removal of ivy from the third tree.

11) **CH/2013/1349/SA** **35 Alma Road Chesham** **VALE**

Description: Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed operation relating to the conversion of existing garage into habitable accommodation.

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

12) **CH/2013/1995/FA** **17 Chartridge Lane Chesham** **LOWNDES**

Description: Two storey rear extension.

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The Committee recommends **APPROVAL** of this application.

13) **CH/2013/1996/FA**

The Roses 23 Alma Rd Chesham

VALE

Description: Erection of dwelling attached to No. 23 Alma Road.

The Committee raises its concern on the shortfall in parking provision.
