



# GILLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Minutes of an interim meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 commencing** at 8.30pm in The Jubilee Room, Town Hall, School Road, Gillingham.

**These minutes do not constitute a true record until ratified by Full Council.**

**Present:** Cllr D Walsh (Chairman) Cllr Mrs V Potheary (Deputy Chairman),  
Cllr Mrs S Hunt, Cllr Mrs A Beckley, Cllr Mrs S Cullingford,  
Cllr R Evill, Cllr A Frith, Cllr Miss N Purkis, Cllr J Robinson and  
Cllr B Von Clemens

**In attendance:** Mrs Julie Hawkins, Town Clerk.  
Mrs Jill Ezzard, Mayor's Secretary  
One member of the public.  
One member of the press.

**617. To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr S Joyce. The Chairman informed the meeting of the reasons for apologies. Cllr Von Clemens proposed that "**the apologies for absence from Cllr Joyce are accepted**" Cllr Miss Purkis seconded and the vote was unanimous. The reasons for absence were duly recorded in the attendance register. **RESOLVED**

**618. Declarations of Interest**

*Members are reminded of their obligations to declare their interests in the following items and to indicate the action they will be taking when the item is considered as per the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Model Code of Conduct which has been prepared to comply with the requirements of Section 27 of the Localism Act 2011.*

There were no pecuniary declarations of interest.

**619. Planning Applications:**

- a. **Application No:** 2/2018/0869/FUL (Amended Application)  
**Location:** 1 Reads, Peacemarsh Road, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4HE  
**Description of Development:** Form vehicular access and create driveway to include dropped kerb and pavement crossing.

**619. Planning Applications continued:**

**COMMENTS:**

Following a discussion, councillors agreed that the amended proposal now complies with the recommendations of the Highways Authority.

Cllr Von Clemens proposed that "**Gillingham Town Council has no objections to the application**". Cllr Mrs Cullingford seconded, the vote was unanimous. **RESOLVED**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Gillingham Town Council has no objections to the application

**b. Application No: 2/2018/0483/REM**

**Location:** Land to the East of Lodden Lakes, New Road, Gillingham, Dorset

**Description of Development:** Erect 90 No. dwellings with garages, bin / cycle store, building to house electricity sub-station and associated infrastructure, including play areas and public open space. (Reserved Matters application to determine appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, following the grant of Outline Planning Permission No. 2/2014/0968/OUT).

**COMMENTS:**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the applicant, Taylor Wimpey, has been working with the Town Council on the final design and specification for the proposed LEAP and LAP. The Chairman explained that as part of this process Cllr Von Clemens had been consulted as Lead Member of the Estates Management Working Party. The Chairman stated that he did not consider this to be a disclosable interest and had no objections to Cllr Von Clemens taking part in the consideration of the application.

Cllr Von Clemens informed the meeting that the design of the proposed LEAP and LAP is exactly what the town council working party had recommended and he congratulated the applicant on the amendments.

Cllr Von Clemens referred to the proposed affordable housing and informed the meeting that this has been increased to 20%.

Cllr Von Clemens referred to the Gillingham Neighbourhood Plan, which states that developments should help deliver improvements to connect with pedestrian and cycle links. Cllr Von Clemens stated that he was disappointed to see that there is no proposal for a riverside path linking the development to the pedestrian bridge leading to St Mary's School.

The Chairman commented on the adoptability of the proposed estate road and expressed the importance of compliance with the list of recommendations set out by the Highways Authority. The Chairman referred to previous issues experienced at other location in Gillingham with regards to adoption of the highway, and stated that these issues must not be repeated. The Chairman stated that in his role as Lead Member of the Shadow Executive Committee he would be looking at new ways of working and will be asking the new Dorset Council to consider whether the developer should provide the council with a bond to ensure that newly constructed highways meet the council's standard for adoption.

Cllr Mrs Cullingford raised concerns over possible on-street parking which could cause obstructions to emergency vehicles.

Cllr Mrs Potheary stated that she was pleased to see the increase in the number of affordable homes but in her opinion this was still not enough.

The designs of the proposed dwellings were discussed. There were no objections.

**619. Planning Applications continued:**

Following the discussion, councillors agreed that the proposal is an improvement on the previous application.

Cllr Walsh proposed that "**Gillingham Town Council has no objections to the application**".  
Cllr Mrs Potheary seconded, the vote was unanimous. **RESOLVED**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Gillingham Town Council has no objections to the application

**Closure.** The meeting closed at 8.41pm