



# **GILLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016** in **The Jubilee Room, Town Hall, School Road, Gillingham** at **7.30pm**.

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

**Present:** Cllr B Von Clemens (Chairman), Cllr D Griffin (Deputy Chairman),  
Cllr Ms A Baker, Cllr Mrs A Beckley, Cllr A Frith, Cllr Mrs S Hunt,  
Cllr S Joyce, Cllr Miss N Purkis, Cllr Mrs V Potheary and Cllr D Walsh.

**In attendance:** Mrs Julie Hawkins, Planning Committee Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

**164. To receive apologies for absence.**  
There were no apologies.

**165. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**  
Cllr Mrs Beckley proposed that “**the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016, are approved as a correct report of the meeting**”. Cllr Mrs Potheary seconded and eight members agreed. Cllr Joyce abstained from voting as he was not present at the meetings. The Chairman duly signed the minutes. **RESOLVED.**

**166. Questions.**  
There were no questions.

**167. Declarations of Interest - Members are required to comply with the requirements of Section 27 of the Localism Act 2011 discloseable pecuniary interests.**  
There were no discloseable pecuniary interests.

**168. Decisions from NDDC:**

- a. Application Number:** 2/2016/0183/HOUSE  
**Location:** 60 The Meadows, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4SP  
**Proposal:** Erect 1 No. two storey extension.  
**APPLICATION WITHDRAWN**

**168. Decisions from NDDC continued:**

- b. Application No:** 2/2015/1885/FUL **Date Registered:** 7 December 2015  
**Location of Development:** Bugley Court, Kine Bush Lane, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 5RA  
**Description of Development:** Change of use of land and erect 1 No. quad kennel block (retrospective) and 1 No. triple kennel block to run a boarding and day care kennel business.  
**GRANTED**
- c. Application No:** 2/2016/0112/FUL **Date Registered:** 11 February 2016  
**Location of Development:** Land at Bowridge Hill Farm, Bowridge Hill, Gillingham, Dorset.  
**Description of Development:** Erect agricultural barn and store. (Retrospective)  
**GRANTED**
- d. Application No:** 2/2016/0132/HOUSE **Date Registered:** 15 February 2016  
**Location of Development:** Hine Villa, Shaftesbury Road, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4LL  
**Description of Development:** Erect 1 No. garage/store.  
**REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION**

**169. Planning Applications:**

- a. Application No:** 2/2016/0282/OUT  
**Proposal:** Demolish single storey garage and link off side (east) elevation and develop the land by the erection of 2 No. detached dwellings (outline application to determine access).  
**Location:** Land to East of 20 Barnaby Mead, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4AL  
**COMMENTS:**  
Ward member, Cllr Mrs Potheary stated that in her opinion there is enough room on the site and the proposed dwellings will fit in well.

Ward member, Cllr Joyce stated that in his opinion the proposed access will not be a problem; however, he would prefer to see one dwelling rather than two.

The Chairman invited local resident Mr W Light to speak.

Mr Light raised concerns over the possibility of displaced vehicles exacerbating existing parking problems in Barnaby Mead.

Cllr Frith stated that one parking space has been allowed per dwelling and stated that in his opinion this will not be adequate.

Cllr Walsh reminded the meeting that the application is an outline application to determine the access and details such as parking will be considered at the next stage.

When put to the vote, all members with the exception of Cllr Frith, recommended approval of the application.

Cllr Frith abstained from voting.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Gillingham Town Council recommends approval of the application.

- b. Application No:** 2/2016/0273/HOUSE  
**Proposal:** Erect 1 No. single storey rear extension.  
**Location:** 37 The Meadows, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4SP

**169. Planning Applications continued:**

**COMMENTS:**

Cllr Griffin stated that the proposal is for an extension in a compact area and asked if any comments have been received from neighbours.

The chairman confirmed that he was unaware of any comments from neighbours.

Cllr Joyce stated that although the proposed extension has a fairly large footprint in comparison to the existing dwellings, it is single storey.

When put to the vote, all members recommended approval of the application.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Gillingham Town Council recommends approval of the application.

**c. Application No: 2/2016/0422/DEM**

**Proposal:** Demolish brick agricultural building.

**Location:** Higher Langham Farm, Langham, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 5NX

**COMMENTS:**

Ward councillor, Cllr Ms Purkis stated that in her opinion the buildings are run-down and the proposals will be an improvement.

Cllr Griffin stated that the buildings are untidy and dangerous and the proposals will make the area safe.

Cllr Joyce stated that Higher Langham Farm is not a working farm and the buildings have no significant value.

When put to the vote, all voting members recommended approval of the application.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Gillingham Town Council recommends approval of the application.

**d. Application No: 2/2016/0444/HOUSE**

**Proposal:** Erect car port.

**Location:** 44 Foxglove Close, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4TW

**COMMENTS:**

Ward councillor, Cllr Walsh asked if any comments had been received from neighbours.

The chairman confirmed that he was unaware of any comments from neighbours.

Cllr Walsh stated that Foxglove Close is a well kept area and initially he had concerns that the proposal may be out of keeping, however he is aware of another car port in the area and could see no reason on which to refuse permission.

Cllr Mrs Potheary stated that she had no issue with the proposals.

When put to the vote, all voting members recommended approval of the application.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Gillingham Town Council recommends approval of the application.

**170. To receive notification of the following planning appeal:**

**Inspectorate's Ref:** APP/N1215/W/16/3145008

**Appeal by:** Mr A Andrews

**Application No:** 2/2015/1665/FUL

**Location:** Land to the rear of Fairey Crescent, Gillingham, Dorset.

Cllr Walsh stated that proposals for the site have been on-going for a long period of time and he hoped that a final decision from the inspector will bring the matter to a close.

**171. To receive confirmation that a new provisional Tree Preservation Order has been made on a Willow tree at Heron View, Brewery Lane, Wyke, Gillingham.**

Cllr Walsh expressed his support for the Tree Preservation Order.

**172. To receive information regarding Footpaths in Gillingham and make comments thereon.**  
The Minute Clerk informed the meeting of the following footpath matters:

- Volunteers from the Walkers are Welcome Group will be erecting way-marker posts in the Silton area on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016.
- The Walkers are Welcome Group has ordered the gates for the 'Stiles to Gates Project' and Dorset Countryside will be erecting these during the next few months.
- Walkers are Welcome maps have been produced in conjunction with North Dorset District Council and the Walkers are Welcome Group and will be erected at various locations around the town.
- Discussions are on-going between the Dorset Countryside and Dorset County Council regarding the proposals for a hard surface along the section of Footpath 71 between the Doctors Surgery at Peacemarch and the B3092.

Cllr Mrs Potheary asked that the council's appreciation is passed to the Walkers are Welcome Group and thanked the Rights of Way Officer, Mrs Sheila Messer for the excellent job she is doing.

Cllr Walsh referred to Footpath 71 and expressed the importance of a using a hard surface in this area which is suitable for use by people using crutches or in wheel chairs.

Cllr Mrs Beckley concurred with Cllr Walsh and stated that the section of footpath will be used by many people walking to the surgery and a hard surface with good footings is needed.

Cllr Joyce informed the meeting that self binding gravel goes hard and is wheelchair friendly.

**173. To receive a report from the Conservation Area Working Party and make comments thereon.**

The Chairman informed members that a working party meeting had not been held, however, several members had had a meeting with the Conservation Officer to discuss the production of the relevant reports.

**174. Matters pertinent to this meeting.**

Cllr Frith referred to the recent development at Dene Hollow and asked for the verges to be reinstated.

**Closure.** The meeting closed at 7.50pm