



## **GILLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

The Town Hall, School Road, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4QR

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**

Minutes of the Planning meeting held on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023** at The Town Hall, Gillingham, commencing at 7.58pm

#### **Present:**

Cllr Barry von Clemens (Acting Chairman)  
Cllr Graham Bashford  
Cllr Fiona Cullen  
Cllr Alan Frith

Cllr John Kilcourse  
Cllr Sarah Snook  
Cllr Mark Walden  
Cllr Roger Weeks

#### **In attendance:**

Julie Hawkins, Town Clerk  
Jill Ezzard, Assistant Town Clerk

#### **Press and Public:**

There were no members of the press or public in attendance

#### **Via MS Teams**

Cllr Rupert Evill

In accordance with legislation, Cllr Evill did not vote.

**669. Public Participation. Please note: a period up to a maximum of fifteen minutes will be allowed for public comments and questions restricted to items listed on the following agenda**

There was no public participation during this part of the meeting.

#### **670. To receive and accept apologies for absence**

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies received from Cllr Sharon Cullingford, Cllr Rupert Evill, Cllr Val Potheary and Cllr David Walsh who were unable to attend for personal reasons.

## 671. To receive any questions pertaining to the previous meeting

There were no questions pertaining to the previous meeting.

## 672. To receive and consider planning applications, as follows:

### a) **Application No:** [P/HOU/2023/03165](#)

**Proposal:** Erect two storey extension and change to vehicular access

**Location:** Fairholm, Wavering Lane East, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4NX

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend approval of Planning Application No. P/HOU/2023/03165 as the proposals are not overbearing and will visually improve the property.

### b) **Application No:** [P/RES/2022/04960](#) (Amended Application)

**Proposal:** Erection of 108 dwellings and associated infrastructure including informal and formal public open space pursuant, (reserved matters application to determine access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) following the grant of outline planning permission 2/2018/0036/OUT.

**Location:** West of Shaftesbury Road (Land on Ham Farm), Land South of Gillingham, Shaftesbury Road, Gillingham.

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal of amended Planning Application P/RES/2022/04960 for the following reasons:

- The amended proposals do not include adequate energy efficiency or renewable energy measures, nor does it include any measures to mitigate climate change.
- The application is considered to be contrary to Policy 8 of the North Dorset Local Plan Part One which states: '*affordable housing should be designed to be indistinguishable from other housing on a development site. On a larger site, the affordable units should be pepper-potted amongst the market housing, or where there is a high proportion of affordable housing, grouped in small clusters amongst the market housing*'.
- With regards to proposed parking provision, members noted that the application is in accordance with national policy; however, members are still concerned that there is insufficient off-street parking available.
- Members have concerns over the proposed play trails which have little play value. Concerns have also been raised regarding the design of the public realm which includes bright red urban style dog-waste bins. Members would prefer mixed waste litter bins such as the Glasdon Sherwood bins, or similar, as used on other public open spaces in Gillingham.

**673. To receive and note Tree Works applications:**

- a) **Application No:** [P/TRC/2023/05818](#)  
**Proposal:** T1 – Poplar – Fell  
**Location:** Milton Croft, Post Office Road to Pierston Fields Road, Milton-on-Stour, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 5PY
- b) **Application No:** [P/TRC/2023/05819](#)  
**Proposal:** T1 - Deodar Cedar - Fell.  
G1 - Ash (group of five stems) - Fell.  
T2 - Apple - Winter prune, reducing canopy by up to two metres.  
**Location:** Heron Lodge, Brewery Lane, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4NN
- c) **Application No:** [P/TRC/2023/05886](#)  
**Proposal:** T4 - Ash - Fell due to ash dieback.  
**Location:** Plank House Wyke Street Gillingham SP8 4NA

The tree works applications were noted.

**674. To receive notification from Dorset Council that on 4 October 2023, a provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) was made at 1 Cypress Way, Gillingham, SP8 4BY**

The information was noted.

**675. To receive notification from Dorset Council that on 4 October 2023, a provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) was made at Land at Park Farm, access to Park Farm, Gillingham.**

The information was noted.

**676. To receive notification from Dorset Council that on 6 October 2023, a provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) was made at Land at Bay Road, Gillingham.**

The information was noted.

**677. To receive matters pertinent to this meeting**

There were no matters pertinent.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm.