



GILLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES - 14 December 2020

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting convened on Monday 14th December 2020 at 9.15pm. The meeting was held remotely using appropriate technology in accordance with The Local Authorities Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations") which came in to force on 4th April 2020.

Present:

Cllr Val Potheary, Chairman

Cllr Rupert Evill, Deputy Chairman

Cllr Sharon Cullingford

Cllr Alan Frith

Cllr Mike Gould

Cllr Dennis Griffin

Cllr Paul Harris

Cllr John Kilcourse

Cllr John Robinson

Cllr Barry Von Clemens

Cllr Keith Wareham

Cllr Roger Weeks

Non-members:

Cllr Graham Poulter

In attendance:

Town Clerk, Julie Hawkins

Office Manager, Jill Ezzard

Press and Public:

Michael Streeter, Gillingham and Shaftesbury News

Gemma Gibson, The Vale Journal and Dorset Echo

There were no members of the public present

245. 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.

246. To receive and accept apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

247. To receive declarations of interest. Please note; members are required to comply with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, section 27 disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no declarations of interest.

248. To receive and consider planning applications, as follows:

a) Application No: [P/VOC/2020/00108](#)

Proposal: Erect 5 no. dwellings and garages. Demolish existing agricultural buildings (with variation of condition No 2 of planning permission 2/2019/1409/FUL - to amend approved plans), (to vary condition No. 2 against Planning application 2/2020/0718/VARIA to allow alterations to Plot 5, east facing dormer changing from window to French-doors).

Location: Windyridge Farm, Bay Road, Gillingham, SP8 4EP

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend **refusal** of Planning application [P/VOC/2020/00108](#) for the following reasons:

- The proposal to change the east facing dormer window to French-doors will result in a loss of privacy to the neighbouring bungalow, and
- the proposed change will result in an un-neighbourly form of development which would have a poor relationship with the bungalow to the rear of the property.

Cllr Kilcourse abstained from voting.

b) Application No: [P/FUL/2020/00118](#)

Proposal: Change of use from residential to bed and breakfast. Erection of single storey extension, double garage and parking area.

Location: Pound House & Long Path, Pound Lane, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4NP

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend **approval** of Planning application [P/FUL/2020/00118](#) for the following reasons:

- The proposals will tidy up and improve the area, and
- there is a need for bed and breakfast accommodation in the area.

Cllr Griffin and Cllr Weeks voted against the proposal to recommend approval.
Cllr Frith and Cllr von Clemens abstained from voting.

c) Application No: [P/FUL/2020/00119](#)

Proposal: Erection of extension to café

Location: The Old Brewery Wyke Road, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4N

It was proposed by Cllr Weeks, seconded by Cllr Frith that the application is recommended for refusal as the applicant has failed to provide a parking plan and environmental impact assessment. Four members voted in favour of the proposal, six members voted against the proposal. Cllr Kilcourse abstained from voting. The proposal failed.

It was proposed by Cllr Wareham, seconded by Cllr Harris that the application is recommended for approval, subject to approval by the Highways Authority. Seven members voted in favour of the proposal, four members voted against the proposal.

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend **approval** of Planning Application [P/FUL/2020/00119](#) for the following reasons:

- The number of covers will not be increased, and by providing indoor seating there will be less noise externally within the gardens as the external seating space will be replaced by the proposed internal space;
- Additional parking spaces will be provided (16 additional car parking spaces plus 15 additional motorcycle parking spaces);
- The proposed extension will cover part of the existing hard surfaced area and will not be detrimental to the open space and the pond which is situated to the north of the site.

d) Application No: [P/FUL/2020/00094](#)

Proposal: Insertion of two new windows and mezzanine floor to create office space

Location: Building 2, Annexe 1, Merck Science UK Ltd, Brickfields Industrial Estate, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4XF

It was agreed and **RESOLVED** to recommend **approval** of Planning Application [P/FUL/2020/00094](#) as the proposal is a sensible use of space and provides a good use of natural light.

249. To receive matters pertinent to this meeting. Please note: Members are advised that inclusion of any item is at the Chairman's discretion and that a council cannot lawfully decide upon any matter which is not specified in the summons (agenda).

This being the last meeting of the year, the Chairman wished everyone a happy and joyful Christmas and a prosperous and safe new year.

Closure. The meeting closed at 10.07pm.