

Minutes of the **PLANNING WORKING GROUP** meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.00pm via Zoom.

**Present:**            **Cllr. M. Cole JP**                    **(Chairman)**  
                         Cllr. J. Harvey  
                         Cllr. A. Mahi  
                         Cllr. Mrs. L. O'Donoghue  
                         Cllr. A. Ralph                                (Vice Chairman)  
                         Cllr. R. Stuchbury  
                         Cllr. M. Try

**Also present:** Cllr. F. Davies  
                         Cllr. C. Cornell                                (Buckinghamshire Council)  
                         Mr. R. Newall                                 (co-opted member)  
  
                         Mrs. K. McElligott                            (Planning Officer)  
                         Mr P. Hodson                                 (Town Clerk)  
                         Mrs L. Stubbs                                 (Communications Clerk)

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

A member of the public attended the Public Session to speak about their concerns regarding Candleford Court, flooding, parking and communication with residents. Cllr. Stuchbury, as a Buckinghamshire Councillor, agreed to speak to the resident further about the formation of a resident's association.

### **80/21            Apologies for Absence**

Members received and accepted apologies from Members Cllr. Gateley and Cllr. Mahi and received apologies from Councillor Whyte.

### **81/21            Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Stuchbury declared an interest as a member of the Buckinghamshire Fire Authority and Member of Buckinghamshire Council North Bucks Area Planning Committee and refrained from voting on planning applications.

### **82/21            Minutes**

Members received and **AGREED** the minutes of the Planning Working Group Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to be put before the Full Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### **83/21            Planning Working Group Meetings**

Members **AGREED** to restrict the agenda for meetings after Interim Councils to applications and any other time-dependent matters such as consultations, leaving all other standard items to stand-alone meetings.

Members **AGREED** that the next meeting of the Planning Working Group should be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June (following the Interim Council) but that future meetings could be held on Tuesdays in order to hold them online, dependent on the decision of the Working Group at the previous meeting.

## 84/21 Buckingham Neighbourhood Plan (BNDP)/Vale of Aylesbury Plan (VALP)

The Town Clerk reported that a revised date for the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group would be sent out that week. Cllr. Cole noted that the design guide was being referred back to the Neighbourhood Planning Working Group to align with national guidelines.

## 85/21 Action Reports

The Town Clerk reported that Buckinghamshire Council had recently confirmed that there would be an update on 20mph speed limits (20/21) however it had not yet been received. Members **AGREED** to recommend that the Planning Officer should follow up Street Lighting on Tingewick Road (1165/20) with Buckinghamshire Council.

**ACTION: PLANNING OFFICER**

## 86/21 Planning Applications

Members noted the next scheduled Buckinghamshire Council – North Buckinghamshire Planning Area Committee meetings are on Wednesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 at 2.30pm. Strategic Sites Committee meetings are on Thursdays 10<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm, with a provisional date of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June also listed.

Members recommended the following responses:

**21/01809/APP** **NO OBJECTIONS**  
2A Page Hill Avenue  
Two storey side extension

**21/01827/APP** **NO OBJECTIONS**  
26 Mallard Drive  
Erection of front/rear extension

**21/01828/APP** **NO OBJECTIONS**  
100 Pillow Way  
Single storey rear extension (amendment to 20/02981/APP)

## 87/21 Planning Decisions

87.1/21 Members noted details of planning decisions made by Buckinghamshire Council.

### Approved

Application	Site address	Proposal	BTC response
17/04671/ALB 18/00932/APP	19 Castle Street	Internal alterations & Conversion of dwelling to form 5 studio flats and a one-bedroomed flat	Oppose & Attend

### Refused

Application	Site address	Proposal	BTC response
21/00947/COUC	23 Market Hill	Change of use from A1 to A3 takeaway	Oppose&call-in

### Not for consultation

## Approved

Application	Site address	Proposal	BTC response
21/01411/ACL 21/01412/ACL	1 The Chewar	Ch/use from A2 to A1 (ground floor) and residential (first floor) & Internal alterations <i>Note that a Listed Building application will be necessary for the alterations</i>	No comments
21/01533/ATP	Maids Moreton Avenue	Safety works to Oak	No Objections
21/01555/ATP	Bernardines Way	Corwn lift Oak over footpath	No Objections

87.2/21 Cllr. Cole noted that 17/04671/ALB and 18/00932/APP (19 Castle Street) approval was given subject to the Historic Building Officer's recommendations, in line with the Planning Working Group's view. Members asked that thanks be sent from the Working Group to the officer involved for their thorough work.

Members also noted that 21/00947/COUC (23 Market Hill) was refused, as it was an inappropriate site for A3 takeaway.

## 88/21 Buckinghamshire Council Members

88.1/21 Members received an update from Buckinghamshire Councillor, Cllr. Stuchbury, about changes to the Buckinghamshire constitution concerning calling in planning applications, and estimated that the Terms of Reference might be agreed in July. The changes will mean that Parish Councils can call in applications, as long as there are sound planning reasons to do so, as was the case before Unification. Historic planning applications will be dealt with using the constitution that was valid at the time of application.

Cllr. Cornell thanked Cllr. Cole for welcoming her to the Working Group and said that she hoped to be in a position to give an update at the next meeting.

88.2/21 There were no applications to call in.

88.3/21 Members received the updated list of call in applications.

## 89/21 Buckinghamshire Council Committee meetings

89.1/21 Bucks Area Planning Committee (*No meeting yet held*)

89.2/21 Strategic Sites Committee (*No meeting yet held*)

89.3/21 Members noted the high number of Buckingham Councillors on the North Bucks Area Planning Committee, but regretted that there was only one from North Bucks on the Strategic Sites Committee.

## 90/21 Enforcement

Cllr. Ralph reported a number of breaches of planning conditions at Oddfellows Hall; Members considered some of the matters reported to be extremely urgent and in breach of BNDP and the emerging VALP. The Planning Officer stated that she had reported a failure to provide a photographic record of the original building before starting work to the case officer.

Cllr. Harvey reported that JoJo's bakery had put up signage without planning permission. The Planning Officer stated that this is a listed building and the signage had been reported and acknowledged by Enforcement.

Cllr. Cole was concerned about three Georgian buildings on the opposite side of the Market Square that were falling into disrepair. The Planning Officer reported that they had reported them as potentially at risk to the Heritage Officer, and asked them to add them to the watch list if they were not already on it.

Cllr. Cole reported dangerous wiring outside Property Solutions. Planning Officer to investigate.

**ACTION: PLANNING OFFICER**

The planting of a hedge on public land on Page Hill along the footpath between Nightingale Place and Boswell Court has been reported to Buckinghamshire Council as a land grab.

**91/21 Applications to fell trees**

Members discussed the aim to hold a meeting with Buckinghamshire Council's Trees department (552.1/21) and their preference for a small informal meeting. The Town Clerk and the Planning Officer to liaise about suitable dates with Buckinghamshire Council.

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK/PLANNING OFFICER**

**92/21 Matters to report**

Cllr. Cole reported bollards knocked over or missing at the Bourton Road and Bletchley Road roundabouts. Estates Manager to repair the knocked over bollards if possible, however missing bollards could not be replaced by the Town Council.

**ACTION: ESTATES MANAGER/PLANNING OFFICER**

**93/21 Chairman's items for information**

Cllr. Cole greeted Cllr. Davies and invited her to join the Working Group or to continue attending meetings without joining if preferred.

**94/21 Date of the next meeting:**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 following the Interim Council meeting, at Lace Hill Sports and Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm.

Chair

Date