**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING OF WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, FORE STREET, WELLINGTON ON MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018 at 6.15pm**

**PRESENT**: Councillor James (Mayor)

Councillors Barr, Battishill, Brown, Govier, Hunt, Lithgow, Lloyd and Thorne

Kathryn Hemensley (Town Clerk)*,* Gill Croucher (Assistant Clerk)

Sue Keal (Taunton Deane Borough Council Planning)

11 Members of the public were also present

**121. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Bowrah, Reed, Shepherd and Stock-Williams

**122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Brown declared an interest as a member of Taunton Deane Borough Council’s Planning Committee and therefore reserved the right to vote differently at Taunton Deane Borough Council’s Planning Committee meeting as different facts could be placed before them.

Councillors Govier and Hunt declared an interest as possible substitutes for TDBC’s Planning Committee.

Councillor Thorne declared a personal interest in applications 43/18/0109 and 43/18/0110

Councillor Lithgow declared a personal interest in applications 43/18/0106 and 43/18/0110

**123. APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY TOWN COUNCIL:**

(a)Erection of a single storey rear extension at 13 Popes Lane, Rockwell Green, Wellington (43/18/0061)

**Resolved** that permission be granted

(b) Alterations to entrance door with removal of external steps and installation of internal platform lift with internal layout changes to improve access and circulation areas at Lloyds Bank, 27 Fore Street, Wellington (43/18/0093)

**Resolved** that permission be granted

(c) Erection of garage/workshop at Killimani, Buckwell, Wellington (43/18/0104)

**Resolved** that permission be granted subject to the receipt of no further representations

**124. TO CONSIDER WHAT COMMENTS TO MAKE ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS THAT WILL BE DETERMINED BY TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL OR SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL:**

(a) Amendment to Application No 43/18/0065 Erection of 24 No dwellings with vehicular access, public open space, landscaping and associated works on land off Taunton Road, Wellington to read Erection of 24 houses as amended by revised plans showing different house types, alteration to the housing layout and submission of updated documents

**Recommended** that permission be granted with the present access arrangements remaining in place

(b) Erection of fence to front of 57 Barn Meads Road, Wellington (retention of works already undertaken) (43/18/0067)

Members considered that the fencing was out of keeping with the open plan style of the development and would set a precedent

**Recommended** that permission be refused

(c) Variation of the wording of Condition No 2 (planting of orchard and creation of wildlife bank) of application 43/17/0110 on land at Longforth Farm, Longforth Road, Wellington (43/18/0105)

(3 members of the public made representations regarding the need to retain the orchard and the biodiversity it supports)

Councillors discussed the need for the orchard to be retained but, failing this, they considered an attempt should be made to move all the remaining trees together with the planting of new trees.

**Recommended** that permission be refused

(d) Conversion and change of use of Class D1 to Class C3 to form 2 No dwellings at Kingdom Hall of Jehovahs Witnesses, White Hart Lane, Wellington (43/18/0106)

(A member of the public made representation regarding the need to block off the door on the north-west elevation to prevent loss of privacy)

**Recommended** that permission be granted subject to the door on the north-west elevation being blocked off

(e) Replacement of part of hedgerow with boarded fencing at Hunters, Foxdown Hill, Wellington (retention of works already undertaken) (43/18/0109)

No comment was made on this application

(f) Erection of function room and replacement of boundary wall at the Victoria Arms, 43-45 North Street, Wellington (retention of part works already undertaken) (43/18/0110)

No comment was made on this application

The meeting ended at 7.15pm

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Councillor Gary James

Mayor