**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING OF WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, FORE STREET, WELLINGTON ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2019 at 7pm**

**PRESENT**: Councillor J Lloyd (Mayor)

Councillors M Barr, C Booth, A Govier, R Henley, J Hunt, M Lithgow, M McGuffie, J Thorne, N Smith and V Stock-Williams

Gill Croucher (Assistant Clerk)

Gareth Clifford (Somerset West and Taunton Council Planning)

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor Battishill and the Town Clerk, Kathryn Hemensley

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Barr, Booth, Govier, Henley, Lithgow and Stock-Williams declared an interest as possible members or substitutes of Somerset West and Taunton Council’s Planning Committee and therefore reserved the right to vote differently at SWT Council’s Planning Committee as different facts could be placed before them.

Councillors Govier, Hunt and Thorne declared a personal interest in 4(b) as members of Somerset County Council

Councillor Thorne also declared a personal interest in 3(b)

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

(a) Erection of a two storey extension to the side of 1 Willcocks Close, Wellington (43/19/0014)

**Resolved** that permission be granted

(b) Erection of two storey rear extension at 87 Burrough Way, Wellington (43/19/0017)

**Resolved** that permission be granted

(c) Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of 20B Popes Lane, Rockwell Green (43/19/0021)

**Resolved** that permission be granted

(d) Erection of rear extension and replacement flat roof with pitched roof to shared double garage at 46 and 47 Barn Meads Road, Wellington (43/19/0028)

**Resolved** that permission be granted

(e) Erection of single storey side and rear extension at 53 Parklands Road, Wellington (43/19/0029)

**Resolved** that permission be granted

**4. TO CONSIDER WHAT COMMENTS TO MAKE ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS THAT WILL BE DETERMINED BY SOMERSET WEST AND TAUNTON COUNCIL OR SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL:**

(a) Application to carry out management works to two groups of Cypress trees included in Taunton Deane Borough (Wellington No 2) Tree Preservation Order 1994 at Pyles Thorne Road, Wellington (TD616) 943/19/0023/T)

**Recommended** that permission be granted in accordance with the advice of the Tree Officer

(b) Erection of a 2 form entry primary and nursery school comprising of a two storey teaching block with sports hall, hard/soft landscaping with playing field, associated car park, cycle parking and pedestrian access points with vehicular access and secure line fencing on land at Longforth Farm, Longforth, Wellington (43/19/0030)

Although members were disappointed with the design and layout of the buildings, they supported the application. Members also suggested requesting the developers to provide a green travel plan.

**Recommended** that permission be granted

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY SOMERSET WEST AND TAUNTON COUNCIL:**

The Planning Department at Somerset West and Taunton Council will no longer be sending paper copies of planning applications received to parish councils. However, the weekly planning list will continue to be circulated and applications will be available to view on the planning webpage. There has been widespread criticism of this proposed approach due to the difficulties it will impose on having reference documents easily available. The time it will take to print the plans (if this is possible) will have an impact on staff resources.

**Recommended** that a letter be written to the Planning Department expressing the Town Council’s opposition to the proposal.

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm

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Councillor Janet Lloyd

Mayor