**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING OF WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, FORE STREET, WELLINGTON ON MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2020 at 6.15PM**

**PRESENT**: Councillor Lloyd

Councillors J Thorne, V Stock-Williams, S Pringle-Kosikowsky, A Govier, M McGuffie, M Lithgow, D Bradley,

Kathryn Hemensley (Town Clerk)

Annette Kirk (Deputy Clerk)

There were no members of the public and one member of the press in attendance.

**224. APOLOGIES**

Reasons for non-attendance were given and approved, from: -

Councillors C Booth, N Smith and N Powell-Brace.

**225. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Lithgow declared an interest as a member of Somerset West and Taunton Council’s Planning Committee and therefore reserved the right to vote differently at SWT’s Planning Committee meeting as different facts could be placed before him.

Councillors Lloyd and Stock-Williams declared an interest as above, as substitute members for SWT’s Planning Committee.

**226. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

No one spoke at the meeting

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

There were no application to determine.

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

1. Case Ref: 43/20/0003/LB – Installation of 2 No.hoppers with downpipes at Jubilee Court, Fore Street, Wellington

**RECOMMENDED** to support approval of the application, but to draw the planning officer’s attention to the following comments:

* The Council welcomed the installation as it was in-keeping and improved the façade of the building
1. Case Ref: 43/20/0007/LB – Various internal and External alterations to enable conversion into a total of 5 no.flats at The Mount, 21 High Street, Wellington (amended scheme to 43/17/0030LB)

**RECOMMENDED** to support approval of the application, but to draw the planning officer’s attention to the following comments:

* The Council welcomed the improvements, as it was good to see an old building being rejuvenated.
* Councillors were extremely disappointed that there was no provision for social housing following planning permission being granted for 11 properties.

c) Case Ref: 43/20/0013/T – Application to carry out management works to one Oak tree and one Sweet Chestnut included in Taunton Deane Borough (Wellington No.3) Tree Preservation Order 1998 at Drakes Place, Wellington (TD762)

**RECOMMENDED** to support approval of the application, subject to the Planning Officer’s recommendations, but to draw the Planning Officer’s attention to the following comments:

* The Council were pleased to see the application form was completed in full and correctly, as previous applications had not been.

d) Case Ref: 43/19/0109 – Installation of 6 No. floodlights to tennis court at Wellington Tennis Club, Courtland Road, Wellington

**RECOMMENDED** to support approval of the application, but to draw the planning officer’s attention to the following comments:

* The Council voted to support the approval with the proviso that there should be a time restriction so the lights are turned off at 9pm.
* The Council raised concerns that the court was very near residential homes and that the glare from the lights and noise disturbance would make a significant impact on the residents.

**The meeting ended at 6.30pm**

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Councillor Janet Lloyd

Mayor