

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 20TH JULY 2020 AT 6.15PM

PRESENT: Councillor Lloyd

Councillors J Hunt, J Thorne, V Stock-Williams, S Pringle-Kosikowsky, A Govier, M McGuffie, M Lithgow, N Powell-Brace, C Booth, D Bradley.

Kathryn Hemensley (Town Clerk)

Annette Kirk (Deputy Clerk)

Alice Kendall (Assistant Clerk)

No members of the public. One member of the press in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES

No Apologies received

2. 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.

Due to the poor connectivity at the time Cllr Thorne was unable to speak but later declared a personal interest in application no: 43/20/0061 because one of the objectors is a family friend.

3. PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

No members of the public present or any correspondence received.

4. APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY TOWN COUNCIL:

Councillor Lloyd advised the meeting that the council are currently in negotiation regarding the new planning agreement with Somerset West & Taunton Council to enable the council to make decisions on applications.

5. 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) Case Ref: 43/20/0062/T Proposal: Application to carry out management works to one Wellingtonia tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Wellington No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1983 at Priory Court, Priory Gardens, Wellington (TD295)

RECOMMENDED to support approval of the application subject to the SWT Tree Warden's Report and Guidance

b) Case Ref: 43/20/0063 Proposal: Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of 79 Waterloo Road, Wellington

RECOMMENDED to support approval of the application subject to any conditions set out in the Planning Officer's recommendations

c) Case Ref: 43/20/0064 Proposal: Erection of 1 No. dwelling with detached double garage and associated works in the garden to the side of The Elms, Jurston Lane, Wellington

RECOMMENDED to support approval of the application subject to any conditions set out in the Planning Officer's recommendations

d) Case Ref: 43/20/0061 Proposal: Change of use of land to domestic at the side of 21 Sylan Road, Wellington (resubmission of 43/19/0103)

RECOMMENDED to refuse the application for the same following reasons as given previously:-

- The application was felt to compromise road safety
- The fence is over-large as well as being in a vehicular blind-spot
- The area is generally an open-plan estate, and this application is out of keeping
- It was surprising that the application had been allowed to proceed with the current proposals given the severe appearance of the proposed fencing
- The County Highways team object to the application due to their strong concerns
- It was noted that local residents have objected on grounds of road safety

The meeting ended at 6.37pm

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Councillor Janet Lloyd
Mayor