

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING OF WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2021 AT 6.00PM**

PRESENT: Councillors J Lloyd (Chair), M Lithgow, M McGuffie, S Pringle-Kosikowsky, J Thorne, A Govier, N Powell-Brace, C Booth, W Battishill, J Hunt

Dave Farrow (Town Clerk)
Annette Kirk (Deputy Clerk)
Alice Kendall (Assistant Clerk)

Two members of the press were in attendance.

187. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Barr, Smith and Stock-Williams

188. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Pringle-Kosikowsky declared an interest as a member of South West Heritage Trust and on matters affecting the work the Trust may be involved in.

Councillor Lloyd (Chair) on behalf of Wellington Town Council declared an interest with Agenda no.4d case ref: 43/20/000141 – Council office building adjacent to 26 Fore Street.

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.

Councillor Lloyd declared an interest as substitute members for SWT's Planning Committee, reserving the right to vote differently if attending SWT's Planning Committee meeting should different facts be placed before them.

189. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No Public Participation

190. 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: 43/20/0149/LB** Proposal: Conversion of first, second and third floors into 2 No. flats with alterations to ground floor and formation of entrance at 2 High Street, Wellington
- b) **Case Ref: 43/20/0148** Proposal: Change of use and conversion of first, second and third floors into 2 No. flats with alterations to ground floor and formation of entrance at 2 High Street, Wellington

Items a) and b): RECOMMENDED to support approval subject to any Planning Officer recommendations.

- c) **Case Ref: 43/20/0069** Proposal: Erection of 1 No. dwelling with associated works to the side of 1 Popes Lane, Wellington

RECOMMENDED to support approval subject to any Planning Officer recommendations. Councillors did raise the following concerns:

- The proposed dwelling being on the corner of very busy road and within close proximity to the junction and traffic lights
- The increased traffic level using Popes Lane following completion nearby housing developments
- To look in to obtaining an ecological survey on the said site and the effect on wildlife in that area

- d) **Case Ref: 43/20/0141** Proposal: Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling in the car park to the rear of 26 Fore Street, Wellington

RECOMMENDED to support approval subject to any Planning Officer recommendations. Councillors did raise the following concerns:

- The impact of the dwelling on Squirrel Court Residents
- The noise/disturbance from the adjacent public house, The Vintage Inn's Beer Garden.
- Design changes to be made, to improve appearance. No outside space to the property. i.e. garden

191. SOMERSET WEST & TAUNTON DISTRICT COUNCIL - 2021 PLANNING DECISIONS FOR INFORMATION ONLY (not for discussion):

Application Number	Proposal	Address	WTC Recommendation	SWT Decision
43/20/0119	Change of use from Class A1 to Class A4	13 High Street, Wellington	Approval	Approved
43/20/0120/A	Display of 1 No. externally illuminated fascia sign and 1 No. externally illuminated projecting sign at 13 High Street, Wellington	13 High Street, Wellington	Approval	Approved
43/20/0131/T	Application to pollard one Lime tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Wellington No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1981	Wellington School, adjacent to 9 Corner Close, Wellington	Approval	Approved

The meeting ended at 6.55pm

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 Councillor Janet Lloyd
 Mayor