

**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of a Meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2024
at 7.30p.m.
at Champions Manor Hall

Present:

Councillor A Shearring Chair
Councillor S Wilson Vice Chair

Councillor D Thompson
Councillor P Ferry
Councillor J Birch
Councillor A John

Councillor G Piesse
Councillor D Eley
Councillor M O'Brien

In attendance: Environment & Leisure Officer, Cllr. T Sherlock and one member of the public.

PE359 Apologies for Absence

Apologies of absence were received and accepted from Councillor Sismey

Absent Councillor A Humphrey, Councillor T Perham Lake

PE360 Dispensation Considerations

In accordance with Standing Order 12 Councillor M O'Brien's request in writing and submitted to the Town Clerk for Agenda Item 16 Tallow Gate Parking was **AGREED**.

In accordance with Standing order 12 Councillor S Wilson's request for dispensation for Planning Application 24/00025/FUL at the start of the meeting was **AGREED**.

PE361 Declarations of Interest

Councillor M O'Brien for Agenda Item 16 Tallow Gate Parking
Councillor S Wilson for Planning Application 24/00025/FUL

PE362 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on 19th December 2023 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Piesse

Vote: **Carried**

PE363 Public Questions

A member of the public commented on the proposed national 'Big Green Week' to be taking place during June 2024.

PE364 Budgetary Position

The budgetary position as of 24th January 2024 was **ACCEPTED** and **NOTED**.

Proposed: Councillor John

Seconded: Councillor Birch

Vote: **Carried**

PE365 Previous Planning Decisions and Appeals

Committee **NOTED** the differences from Chelmsford City Council.

PE366 Planning Applications

23/02007/FUL 33 Keats Square

Single storey domestic outbuilding to be used as Ancillary Accommodation. It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee **OBJECTED** to this application on the grounds of over development and loss of garden space.

23/05264/TPO 85 Inchbonnie Road

G1 - x3 willow trees (marked as 1, 2 & 3 on site plan) - Crown reduction to trees 1 & 2 by 2 metres below current pruning points. Minor pruning to overhanging branches to tree 3 - Reason: Ongoing maintenance and to reflect increasingly speed of re-growth.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

23/01950/FUL 23 Gandalfs Ride

Proposed single storey rear extension. Construct front dormer to garage and internal alterations.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee has **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application.

24/00025/FUL 23 Bickerton Point

Retrospective planning permission for change of use from garage to lash and beauty business.

It was agreed that the Planning and Environment Committee **OBJECTED** to this application on the grounds of the effect on local neighbours, especially relating to parking and hours of business. Recorded vote taken:

In Favour of the objection, Councillors Piesse, Ferry, Birch, Shearring, O'Brien, Birch, Thompson.

Against, Councillor John.

Vote: Carried

PE367 Items to Note

Committee noted the reports attached to the agenda.

- Fenn Report – Update January 2024 from the Fen Warden.
- 23/01588/ADV - Shaw Farm Old Wickford Road South Woodham Ferrers Chelmsford Essex CM3 5QY which was considered at the meeting held on 19th December 2023 is currently invalid and a consultation will be sent when it has been validated.
- Appeal (APP/W1525/W/23/3329288) for 22/02252/FUL Bushy Hill Communication Station Edwins Hall Road Woodham Ferrers Chelmsford CM3 8RU: New footpath link to the pre-existing footpath to the south of the site.

PE368 Willow Grove Signage

Committee discussed the signage on Willow Grove. Update from Environment Officer to inform the committee that the application is now with the Local Highways Panel with the support of Councillor Massey. Concerns were raised over the white line being painted in such a way that it may contribute to an accident.

Proposal To contact the Local Highway Panel/Essex Highways to raise concerns on safety grounds regarding the current painting of the white lines.

Proposed: Councillor Thompson

Seconded: Councillor Birch

Vote: Carried

PE369 Tree Survey

Committee **AGREED** recommended work including the key areas along footpath 26/32 by the arboriculture expert on the recent completed tree survey. The Town Council must be compliant with Health & Safety and a duty of care to residents.

PE370 Recycling Policy

Committee to review the Recycling Policy attached to agenda. This will be recommended to Council on the 19th of March 2024, with a change of title to Environmental Waste and Recycling Policy.

At 20:32 Councillor D Eley entered the meeting

PE371 Ash Dieback – Washlands

Councillor Shearring gave an update on Ash Dieback.

PE372 Dog Bin

The Environment Officer updated on confirmed policies and procedures from Chelmsford City Council. There are currently 62 dog bins in South Woodham Ferrers and are sited in accessible location for emptying weekly.

PE373 Rural Payments Agency RPA

Committee discussed and **AGREED** to sign up to the RPA to access funding opportunities for the Woodham Fenn.

Proposal: To sign up to the RPA to investigate funding opportunities.

Proposed: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor John

Vote: Carried

PE374 Tallow Gate Parking

Committee discussed the parking at Tallow Gate. Concerns were raised as regard to the short distance of the 'yellow line' restriction currently in place along Inchbonnie Road and the Junction of Tallow Gate

Proposal: To contact the Essex Parking Partnership to raise concerns on the current layout with a request to extend the current line.

Proposed: Councillor Birch

Seconded: Councillor John

Recorded vote taken:

In Favour, Councillors Piesse, Ferry, Wilson, Birch, Shearring, Birch, Thompson, John, Eley.

Vote: Carried

PE375 Collingwood Pond Project

Committee discussed a new project for Collingwood Pond and application to LNRS Local nature Recovery Strategy for funding of the project.

Proposal: To explore options for such a project along with possible funding options as a possible future project.

Proposed: Councillor John

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

Vote: Carried

PE376 Report to Council

- Environmental Waste and Recycling Policy
- Tallow Gate Parking
- Willow Grove Signage
- Collingwood Pond Project
- Rural Payments Agency RPA

PE377 Media Coverage

No comments

PE378 Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 27th February 2024 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

Signed

Date: 27th February 2024