

AXBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL



Axbridge Town Council Minutes of the Planning and Licences Committee held on Monday 19 August 2024 in Axbridge Town Hall

Meeting commenced: 7.30pm

Meeting concluded: 8.02pm

Present: Councillor Taylor (Chairman – for the meeting), Ham and Jordan.

Also in attendance: Mrs Brice (Town Clerk) together with three members of the public (for part of the meeting).

30.24 PL Apologies for Absence

Councillor Jenkins (Chairman) had been unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Taylor as Vice-Chairman chaired the meeting.

RESOLVED: that apologies from Councillor Page (Mayor – personal commitment), Councillor Jenkins (Chairman - personal commitment) and Councillor Mitton (work commitment) be received and approved.

31.24 PL Draft Minutes of the Planning and Licences Committee Meeting held on 22 July 2024.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

32.24 PL Declaration of Interest and Dispensations

Interests:

Councillor Taylor – declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in relation to the reserved matters planning application 02/22/00021 for up to 53 dwellings on land to the south of Houlgate Way - living close to the site (minute 35.24 PL refers) (see below for dispensation).

Dispensations:

Councillor Taylor had a dispensation to speak and vote on applications relating to this site (02/22/00021 for up to 53 dwellings on land to the south of Houlgate Way) and indicated he wished to use this dispensation at this meeting (minute .24 PL refers)

33.24 PL Public Participation

A member of the public spoke on the application for an extension at 22 Orchard Road (application no. 02/24/00012 refers).

34.24 PL Planning Applications

Planning application number: 02/24/00012/JMS

Proposal: Erection of first floor extension to South elevation.

Location: 22 Orchard Road, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2DB

RESOLVED: that Somerset Council be advised that Axbridge Town Council has no observations to make on the above-mentioned application.

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35.24 PL Houlgate Way Development

The development was progressing and several matters had been addressed. The Police would speak directly with the developers regarding the re-installation of the 20mph sign.

36.24 PL Planning Applications delegated to the Clerk or Notified by the Planning Authority - none

37.24 PL Recent and Current Planning Applications

Members had received the list detailing recent applications and planning decisions. The list was intended to include recent applications and retain ones which provided useful background information/may need to be monitored. The list would be reduced as far as possible and sent out in word form with the agenda papers (but as a separate report document).

38.24 PL Enforcement Matters

The Council had concerns regarding three sites to the north of the A371, one of which had quite recently been developed on and had been referred to planning enforcement and brought the attention of the Mendip Hills National Landscape. Councillor Ham would request a visit from an enforcement officer and the Clerk would follow up the correspondence with Mendip Hills. The site with the caravan would continue to be monitored.

39.24 PL Licensing Matters - No update.

40.24 PL Biodiversity

Members had received a template bio-diversity policy and supported the need for a policy. All committee members and officers would review the document to make it more specific to Axbridge, with the topic to be further discussed at the next Council meeting.

41.24 PL Planning Decisions and Correspondence Received

Members received/noted the following correspondence:

- Land at Starrs Close/Houlgate Way – some concern had been raised at the overgrown area of land and the presence of rats. Persimmons Homes had indicated that they didn't have any responsibility for this land. Options to try and address this would need to be considered – this land was crossed by public rights of way and had a street light. The advisory groups would consider as appropriate.
- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) – consultation – this would be included on the agenda of the next meeting.
- North Somerset Council - Wraxall and Failand Neighbourhood Plan Referendum and Local Plan update
- SLCC – advice note on adapting historical buildings for energy and carbon efficiency and consultation re National Planning Policy Framework – this would be referred to the Men's Shed and included on the website.
- CPRE – various updates.

42.24 PL Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: that the next meeting be held on 9 September 2024 to include recent applications.

Chairman

Date