Planning Committee – 20 May 2009

MINUTES

Present:- Councillors Mrs Allgrove, Bishop, Bowrah, Brooks, Critchard,

Denington, Ms Durdan, Mrs Floyd, C Hill, Mrs Hill, House and Watson

Officers:- Mr T Burton (Development Manager), Mr J Hamer (Area Manager –

West), Mr B Kitching (Area Planning Manager – East), Mrs J Jackson (Legal Services Manager) and Mrs G Croucher (Democratic Services

Officer)

(The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm)

56. Appointment of Chairman

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Hill be appointed Chairman of the Planning Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

57. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Allgrove be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

58. Apologies

Councillors Miss James, McMahon, Mrs Smith, D Wedderkopp and Woolley.

59. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2009 were taken as read and were signed.

60. Applications for Planning Permission

The Committee received the report of the Development Manager on applications for planning permission and it was **resolved** that they be dealt with as follows:-

That the detailed plans be granted for the under-mentioned development:-

02/09/0007

Reserved matters application for a proposed new dwelling on land adjacent to Brooklands, Ash Priors (Outline Application 02/08/0001)

Notes to applicant:- (1) Applicant was advised to be aware of the need to comply with and discharge the conditions attached to the outline permission 02/2008/001; (2) Applicant was advised that the existing building may contain asbestos panels, which will need careful removal. If the asbestos was contained within something like cement (for example roof or wall sheeting) and was in good condition, it was not normally necessary to utilise a specialist contractor. If the sheeting was to be broken up for any reason a specialist contractor must be used. If the asbestos was in a more friable condition or

material (lagging or water tank insulation) then a licensed specialist contractor must be used. All materials containing asbestos must be double bagged in special asbestos waste bags, sealed and disposed of at a licensed tip.

Reason for granting planning permission:-

The proposal was considered not to have a detrimental impact upon visual or residential amenity and was therefore considered acceptable and, accordingly, did not conflict with Taunton Deane Local Plan Policies S1 (General Requirements) and S2 (Design).

61. Taunton Deane Borough (Taunton No 2) Tree Preservation Order 2009

Reported that an objection had been received in respect of a Tree Preservation Order served on a Birch Tree, Ash Tree and Apple Tree situated on land at 11 Denmark Terrace, Taunton.

Details of the reasons for the objection were reported. The comments of the Landscape Officer were also reported.

The Birch Tree was considered to be a good specimen with the potential to develop; the Apple Tree contributed to the amenity value of the area; and, after a further assessment of the Ash Tree, the Landscape Officer felt that it did not merit inclusion in the Tree Preservation Order.

Resolved the Taunton Deane Borough (Taunton No 2) Tree Preservation Order 2009 be modified to omit the Ash Tree and then confirmed.

62. Change of use from B1 to B2 for repair and servicing of motor vehicles at Unit 1, Hatch Mews Business Park, Hatch Beauchamp

Reported that an application had been submitted for the change of use from B1 to B2 at Unit 1, Hatch Mews Business Park, Hatch Beauchamp, Taunton.

Although the application had been refused under delegated powers on 24 April 2009 the B2 use of the premises had continued.

Resolved that:-

- Enforcement action be taken to stop the unauthorised change of use from B1 to B2 at Unit 1, Hatch Mews Business Park, Hatch Beauchamp, Taunton; and
- 2) Subject to being satisfied with the evidence, the Solicitor to the Council institute legal proceedings should the enforcement notice not be complied with within six months.

63. Provision of an internally illuminated sign at Norton Stores, Norton Fitzwarren

Reported that it had come to the Council's attention that an internally illuminated sign had been displayed at Norton Stores, Norton Fitzwarren without the necessary advertisement consent.

The owners of the property had been contacted and an application for advertisement consent had been made but this had been refused under delegated powers.

Resolved that:-

- 1) Enforcement action be taken to remove the internally illuminated sign at Norton Stores, Norton Fitzwarren; and
- 2) Subject to being satisfied with the evidence, the Solicitor to the Council institute legal proceedings should the enforcement notice not be complied with.

64. Appeals

Reported that four appeal decisions had recently been received, details of which were submitted. Two of the appeals had been dismissed.

Also reported that four new appeals had been lodged, details of which were submitted.

Resolved that the report be noted.

(The meeting ended at 5.40 pm)