

Planning Committee – 8 June 2011

Present:- Councillor Coles (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Allgrove, Bishop, Bowrah, Denington, Govier, C Hill,
Mrs Hill, Miss James, Mrs Messenger, Mrs Reed, Mrs Smith, Mrs Stock-
Williams, Tooze, Watson, A Wedderkopp and Wren

Officers:- Mr B Kitching (Development Management Lead), Mrs J Moore (Major
Applications Co-ordinator), Mrs J Jackson (Legal Services Manager),
Ms M Casey (Planning and Litigation Solicitor) and Mrs G Croucher
(Democratic Services Officer)

Also present: Councillors Mrs Slattery and Stone in relation to application No 24/11/0017;
Mrs A Elder, Chairman of the Standards Committee

(The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm)

48. Appointment of Chairman

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

49. Apology/Substitution

Apology: Councillor Morrell
Substitution: Councillor Mrs Stock-Williams

50. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Govier declared a personal interest as a Member of Somerset County Council. Councillor Watson declared a personal interest as an alternate Director of Southwest One. Councillors Mrs Hill and Mrs Smith declared personal interests as employees of Somerset County Council. Councillor Miss James declared a personal interest as an employee of Viridor. Councillor Tooze declared a personal interest as an employee of UK Hydrographic Office. Councillor Wren declared a personal interest as an employee of Natural England. Councillor Mrs Reed declared a personal interest as her daughter works as an administrator in Development Control.

51. Applications for Planning Permission

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

That **planning permission be granted** for the under-mentioned development:-

24/11/0017

**Retention of the mobile home sited on land adjacent to (and in lieu of) the
lawful caravan site approved on 12 June 2008 under reference 24/08/0011LE**

(use of land for stationing a caravan for residential purposes), The Cottage, Stoneyhead Hill, Wrantage

Conditions

- (a) The use hereby permitted shall be carried on only by Amy Penfold and shall be for a limited period being the period during which the caravan site pursuant to this permission is occupied by Amy Penfold. The caravan and all materials and equipment brought on to the site in connection with the use shall be removed within three months from cessation of occupation;
- (b) The use hereby permitted shall cease and all caravans, structures, equipment and materials brought onto the land for the purposes of such use shall be removed within 28 days of the date of failure to meet the following conditions:-
 - (i) Within 3 months of the date of this decision a scheme for the landscaping of the site, to include new hedge planting and planting to reinforce the existing boundary hedge where necessary and a timetable for the implementation of the landscaping scheme, shall have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority; (ii) The approved scheme shall have been carried out and completed in accordance with the approved timetable and thereafter maintained;
- (c) No more than one caravan, as defined in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and the Caravan Sites Act 1968, shall be stationed within the application site as shown edged red on plan number 4949 at any time.

Reason for granting planning permission:-

The personal circumstances of the occupant outweigh the other material planning considerations including the detrimental impact on the landscape character of the area, the non-sustainable location of the site and the impact on the highway network that might result from an intensification of the use.

Reason for granting planning permission contrary to the recommendation of the Growth and Development Manager:-

Members considered that the personal circumstances of the occupant outweighed all other considerations.

52. Business requiring to be dealt with as a matter of urgency

The Chairman reported that he had agreed that the item covered by Minute No 53 below should be dealt with as an urgent matter.

53. Stationing of two catering trailers at 31 Shoreditch Road, Taunton

Reported that an application to store two catering trailers at 31 Shoreditch Road, Taunton had been refused by the Committee in December 2010. The owner of the site had lodged an appeal against the refusal and a decision was currently awaited.

Since the refusal of planning permission, one trailer had been stationed on the site which was not considered to be a breach of planning control. However, it had

come to the Council's attention that a second trailer had been stationed temporarily on the site on two occasions recently but, due to the length of the breach, it was not considered expedient to take further action in respect of the second trailer.

The Council had since received a further report that the second trailer had been stationed on the site since 1 June 2011 and, as Members were concerned about the harm caused to residential amenity, it was proposed to take swift action to seek the removal of the trailer.

Resolved that:-

1. (a) Subject to the owner of 31 Shoreditch Road, Taunton being given five working days to make representation; and

(b) The continued stationing of two catering trailers at 31 Shoreditch Road, Taunton,

the Growth and Development Manager be authorised to serve an enforcement notice in consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman seeking the removal of the second catering trailer from the land at 31 Shoreditch Road, Taunton; and

2. (a) If an enforcement notice was served and the outstanding planning appeal was allowed; and

(b) Subject to being satisfied with the evidence,

the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to withdraw or amend the enforcement notice.

(The meeting ended at 6.10 pm)