

Planning Committee – 4 November 2015

Present: - Councillor Bowrah (Chairman)
Councillor Coles (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Adkins, M Adkins, Brown, Gage, Horsley,
Martin-Scott, Morrell, Mrs Smith, Sully, Townsend, Watson,
Wedderkopp and Wren

Officers: - Matthew Bale (Area Planning Manager), Tim Burton (Assistant Director
- Planning and Environment), John Burton (Principal Planning Officer),
Roy Pinney (Legal Services Manager) and Tracey Meadows
(Democratic Services Officer)

Also present: Helen Vittery (Somerset County Council - Highways) Julia Ridge
(Somerset County Council - Education), Ian White (Advisory, ATLAS)
and Mrs A Elder, Chairman of the Standards Advisory Committee

(The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm)

101. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting – the second time the Planning Committee had met at the Blackbrook Pavilion Sports Centre, Blackbrook Way, Taunton to consider a major planning application.

102. Apologies/Substitutions

Apologies: Councillors Mrs Floyd, C Hill, Nicholls and Mrs Reed

Substitutions : Councillor Mrs Adkins for Councillor Mrs Reed;
Councillor Horsley for Councillor Nicholls;
Councillor Mrs Smith for Councillor Mrs Floyd;
Councillor Sully for Councillor C Hill.

103. Declarations of Interest

Councillors M Adkins, Coles and Wedderkopp declared personal interests as Members of Somerset County Council. Councillor Townsend declared personal interests as Vice-Chairman of Kingston St Mary Parish Council and Chairman of the Kingston St Mary Village Hall Association. Councillor Wren declared a personal interest as he was Clerk to Milverton Parish Council. All Councillors declared that they had received correspondence from the following - Friends of Comeytrowe Park, CRAG Action Group, Master Plan from Barton Wilmot, emails from Steve Smith. Councillor Coles also declared that he had attended the Trull Parish Council public meeting that was held in Galmington at which he spoke but declared that he had not 'fettered his discretion'. Councillor Mrs Smith declared a personal interest as her daughter lived off Deane Drive. Councillor Brown declared that he knew a person in

the audience and several people that he worked for in Trull. Councillor Martin-Scott declared personal interests as a trustee to the Home Service Furniture Trust, trustee to Bishop Foxes Educational Foundation and a trustee to Trull Memorial Hall. He also declared that he had a personal and prejudicial interest following the receipt of officer advice and been told that his membership of the Trull Neighbourhood Plan Group and his Vice-Chairmanship of the Wilton and Sherford Community Association did not preclude him from taking part and voting on the planning matter about to be discussed.

104. Outline planning application with all matters reserved (except points of access) for a residential and mixed use urban extension at Comeytrowe/Trull to include up to 2000 dwellings, up to 5.25 hectares of employment land, 2.2 hectares of land for a Primary School, a mixed use local centre, and a 300 space 'park and bus' facility on land at Comeytrowe/Trull with an additional Section 106 clause relating to the need to set up a Design Working Group (42/14/0069)

Reported this application.

Following the receipt of many representations from local Parish Councils, Action Groups and members of the public, a lengthy discussions by the Planning Committee ensued. Towards the end of the debate, a proposal to defer the application was proposed and seconded.

Resolved that the application be **deferred** to allow sufficient time for the preparation of a comprehensive master plan by the applicants which:-

- Involved engagement with relevant stakeholders; and
- Placed particular (but not exclusive) emphasis on the issues of highways, education and health.

105. Other Agenda Items

Resolved that, due to the lateness of the hour, the remaining items on the agenda be deferred until the next meeting of the Planning Committee on the 12 November 2015.

(The meeting ended at 11.00 p.m.)