

SWT Planning Committee - 11 June 2020 held via Zoom Video Conference

Present: Councillor Simon Coles (Chair)

Councillors Marcia Hill, Ian Aldridge, Mark Blaker, Sue Buller, Dixie Darch, Ed Firmin, Roger Habgood, Mark Lithgow, Craig Palmer, Andrew Sully, Ray Tully, Brenda Weston and Loretta Whetlor

Officers: Martin Evans (Shape Legal Partnership), Rebecca Miller (Principal Planning Specialist), Nick Bryant, Karen Wray (Planning Officer) and Tracey Meadows (Democracy and Governance)

Also Present: Councillors

(The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm)

11. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Morgan

12. Minutes of the previous meetings of the Planning Committee on the 14 and 28 May

(Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 14 and 28 May 2020 circulated with the agenda)

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14 May 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

The **Motion** was carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28 May 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Lithgow, seconded by Councillor Tully

The **Motion** was carried.

13. Declarations of Interest or Lobbying

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Councillor or Clerk of a County, Town or Parish Council or any other Local Authority:-

Name	Application No.	Description of Interest	Reason	Action Taken
Cllr S Buller	36/20/0003	Personal	Ward Member	Spoke and

				Voted
Cllr R Habgood	44/20/0012	Personal	Ward Member	Spoke and Voted
Cllr M Lithgow	44/20/0012	Personal	Email correspondence from applicant. Discretion 'not fettered'	Spoke and Voted

14. **Public Participation**

App No.	Name	Position	Stance
36/20/0003	Leonie and Irene Browning	Neighbours	Supporting
36/20/0003	Caroline Cadoret	Neighbours	Supporting
36/20/0003	Maryanne Weatherly	Neighbours	Supporting
36/20/0003	Stephen Browning	Neighbours	Supporting
36/20/0003	Jacqueline Hitchcott	Neighbours	Supporting
36/20/0003	Joe Bussell	Applicant	Supporting
36/20/0003	William Kerry	Architect	Supporting

15. **36/20/0003**

Erection of first floor extension, ground floor extension and garage at Little Pincombe Barn, Woodhill Barn, Stoke St Gregory

Comments by Members of the Public included;

- The extension will not had an ill effect on neighbouring properties and will benefit the village long term;
- The carefully designed aesthetic will be a marked improvement on the current dwelling;
- The clever use of materials will give the house a better feel of the former barn than it currently does;
- The improved parking area and turning will help keep access clear;
- Although this development is against the 'Local Plan' it should not impede the improvements to the property that enhances the locale;
- The development has not met with any objections from neighbours;
- It is important to attract families into the area to support schools, village halls, public houses and churches as without this villages will not survive;
- The development in its present state is not up the sustainability and efficient energy demands of modern living;

- Minimised intrusions to neighbouring properties, keeping their privacy intact;
- The scale and height was comparable to nearby properties;
- The application would provide the applicants with a functional well-designed home and be a contribution to the village;

Comments by Members included;

- This application was in a secluded position only accessible by walkers and agricultural traffic;
- The proposed development was aesthetically pleasing;
- Would improve the parking and turning areas;
- Well thought out development and would fit in with the location;
- The development would not affect the street scene;
- Current an unattractive building and not energy efficient;
- No harm caused by this development;
- The proposed development was well supported by local residents;
- Concerns with the increased size of the development;
- The proposed development was not policy compliant;
- Concerns that this development could set a precedent;

Proposed by Councillor Sully and Seconded by Councillor Buller that the application be **APPROVED** against Officer Recommendation for Refusal.

Reasons

- The development would not alter the aesthetic of the barn;
- Energy efficient;
- Improve the design of the building;
- Cause no harm;

The **Motion** was carried with one abstention

At this point in the meeting the Chair called for a 10 minute recess

16. **44/20/0012**

Partial rebuild and alterations to agricultural barn to be used for agricultural storage at Charleston Barn, Little Silver Lane, Wellington (retention of part works already undertaken)

Comments by Members included;

- The rebuild was an improvement, it is well constructed and blends in with the surrounding area;
- The barn was next to a footpath and not in keeping with the rural areas;

Councillor Hill proposed and Councillor Lithgow seconded a motion to be **APPROVED**

The **Motion** was carried with one abstention

17. **Latest appeals and decisions received**

Noted that four new appeals had been received,

(The Meeting ended at 3.45 pm)