

SWT Planning Committee - 23 February 2023

Present:

Councillors Marcia Hill (Chair), Ian Aldridge, Steve Griffiths, John Hassall, Mark Lithgow, Craig Palmer, Vivienne Stock-Williams, Ray Tully, Brenda Weston, Gwil Wren and Janet Lloyd

Officers: Alison Blom-Cooper, Martin Evans, Briony Waterman and Tracey Meadows

(The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm)

109. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Coles, Wheatley, and Coles.

Councillor Hill took the Chair for this meeting.

110. **Minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Committee**

(Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committees held on the 5, 19 January and the 2 February circulated with the agenda)

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 5,19 January and the 2 February be confirmed as a correct record.

5 January, proposed by Councillor Lithgow, seconded by Councillor Tully
19 January, proposed by Councillor Lithgow, seconded by Councillor Hassall
2 February, proposed by Councillor Hassall, seconded by Councillor Stock-Williams.

The **Motion** was carried.

111. **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 I Aldridge	42/22/0008	Williton. Correspondence received and responded to	Personal	Spoke and Voted

		stating that the application would be heard and viewed with an open mind.		
Cllr G Wren	3/37/22/019	SCC & Clerk to Milverton PC	Personal	Spoke and Voted

112. **Public Participation**

Application No.	Name	Position	Stance
3/37/22/019	Carron Clark	Local Resident	In favour
42/22/0008	Phillipa Hollands Dr Guru Karnati	Neighbour Applicant	Against In favour

113. **3/37/22/019 - Erection of memorial to Derek the Goose (retention of works already undertaken) Land at the Marina Edge, The Esplanade, Watchet, TA23 0AJ**

Comments made by members of the public included;
(summarised)

- The memorial statue was an interesting piece of history for Watchet;
- Please that a local designer was chosen to create the memorial statue;
- There was lots of local support for the memorial;
- The memorial has a communal value;

Comments made by Members included;
(summarised)

- The statue was an unobtrusive piece of Art;
- Clarification sought on why this statue needed planning permission;
- The memorial was commissioned and supported by the local people of Watchet;
- Concerns that this statue did not fit in with the two other statues on the esplanade;
- Concerns with the white trunking surrounding the statue;

Councillor Lithgow proposed and Councillor Tully seconded a motion that permission be GRANTED subject to conditions.

The motion was carried.

114. **42/22/0008 - Application for approval of reserved matters, following outline application 42/19/0045, for the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 1 No. dwelling on land to the north west of Applecombe**

Cottage, Wild Oak Lane, Trull (resubmission of 42/21/0047) LAND TO THE NORTH WEST OF APPLECOMBE COTTAGE, WILD OAK LANE, TRULL, TAUNTON, TA3 7JS

Comments from members of the public included;
(summarised)

- The proposed development show no reference to the Council's Design Guide or Policy D7 regarding design quality;
- Concerns with the impact on the residential amenity of the adjoining properties;
- Concerns with the character and appearance in this semi-rural area;
- Overlooking with loss of privacy;
- The Parish Council did not support this application;
- The building will be largely screened from the trunk road and Wild Oak Lane by the existing buildings;
- The scale of the building was in keeping with most of the adjacent properties;
- One of the unique features of the proposal was it varied architecture and design with no two properties looking the same in the area;
- Measures have been taken to ensure that the development is phosphate neutral after using the Council's P Credit allocation scheme;
- The development will be an energy efficient family home;

Comments from Members included;
(summarised)

- A well-designed property to compliment other properties in the area;
- Overlooking concerns;
- Confirmation sought to confirm that this development would be carbon neutral;
- The development was against the Core Strategy of DM1 (D) in appearance;
- Not in keeping with the rural area;
- Concerns that the roof terrace and adjoining library would create a third floor and would overlook the neighbouring property;
- Screening or the property concerns;

Councillor Lithgow proposed and Councillor Stock-Williams seconded a motion the permission be GRANTED subject to the prior completion of a Section 106 Agreement and conditions. The Committee also voted on a further Condition for the submission of a scheme for carbon neutral elements within the development;

The motion was carried.

(The Meeting ended at 1.56 pm)