

SWT Planning Committee - 20 May 2021

Present: Councillor Simon Coles (Chairman)

Councillors Ian Aldridge, Mark Blaker, Norman Cavill, Ed Firmin, John Hassall, Marcia Hill, Mark Lithgow, Craig Palmer, Ray Tully, Sarah Wakefield, Alan Wedderkopp, Brenda Weston and Loretta Whetlor

Officers: Rebecca Miller (Principal Planning Specialist), Martin Evans (Shape Legal Partnership), Michael Hicks (Planning Specialist), Alison Blom-Cooper (Assistant Director), Dawn Adey Director of Development and Place, and Tracey Meadows (Democracy and Governance)

Also Present: Councillor Rigby, Marcus Prouse (Specialist, Governance), Clare Rendell (Specialist Governance)

(The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm)

1. **Appointment of Chair**

Resolved that Councillor Simon Coles be appointed Chair of the Planning Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

Cllr Weston abstained from the vote.

2. **Appointment of Vice-Chair**

Resolved that Councillor Marcia Hill be appointed Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

Councillor Weston abstained from the vote.

3. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Habgood and Morgan.

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

(Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29 April 2021, circulated with the agenda)

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 29 April 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Hill seconded by Councillor Lithgow

The **Motion** was carried.

5. **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	Reason	Action Taken
Cllr N Cavill	48/19/0065	Personal & Prejudicial	Spoke and left the room for the vote
Cllr R Tully	48/19/0065	Prejudicial	Spoke and did not vote

6. **Public Participation**

Application No.	Name	Position	Stance
48/19/0065	Mrs Horron	Applicant	In favour

7. **48/19/0065**

At this point Councillor Firmin left the meeting.

Change of use of land from agricultural to canine activity training facility, provision of hardstanding, field shelter and alterations to access on land at Cherry Grove Rise, Yalway Road, West Monkton

Comments from Members of the Public included;

- Pets owners suffered with their pets behaviour in the lock down period. A quiet calm place was needed for therapy rather than rehoming or euthanasia;
- There would be a specified facility working with 2 dogs at a time;
- No artificial lighting would be on site limiting the hours of training;
- No other buildings or utilities would be brought onto the site;
- Extensive regrowth of the hedge now conceals a majority of the fence which could be further screened by painting the fence posts green;
- The field had not been used by grazing cattle for decades;
- The development would have a positive effect on the local community with land management and employment;

Comments from Members included;

- Concerns with the number of days/hours this facility can use for training dogs;
- The application site was in a quite location in the open countryside surrounded by Dairy Cattle;
- Concerns with the effects of this business on the agricultural land;
- Concerns with the impact on livestock;

- This is for dogs that need therapy and this was an ideal quiet place for this type of business;

At this point in the meeting Councillor Cavill left the meeting;

Councillor Hill proposed and Councillor Whetlor seconded a motion for the application to be **APPROVED** as per officer recommendation update below.

Delegated powers to be granted for Officers to seek approval from Natural England on the scope of the landscaping to be secured and subject to the following 2 amendments to the original schedule of conditions:

1. Removal of condition 14 (fence removal)

2. Addition of the condition as set out in the report as follows:

The fence to be installed to the Western edge of the parking area as illustrated on plan titled '4A Elevation of Fence and Gates' shall match the existing.

The **motion** was carried.

8. **43/20/0086**

Erection of a Class A1 foodstore with associated parking, landscaping and access works on land north west of the Nynehead Road/Taunton Road/Torres Vedras Drive

Application **WITHDRAWN** from the Committee agenda on legal advice and will be reported back to a future meeting for determination.

9. **Appeals Lodged and decisions received**

Latest appeals and decisions noted.

(The Meeting ended at 1.50 pm)