

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee
held at Bishopstoke Methodist Church
commencing at 7:00pm on 12 October 2021**

Present: Cllrs A Dean (Chair), Francis, Candy, Daly, Hillier-Wheal, C McKeone and Moore

In Attendance: Mr D Wheal (Clerk to Bishopstoke Parish Council)

Public Attendance: 0 members of the public were present.

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66 Apologies for Absence

66.1 All Councillors were present.

67 To adopt as a true record, and sign, the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28 September 2021

67.1 The Minutes of the above meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting.

67.2 Proposed Cllr Hillier-Wheal, Seconded Cllr Daly, **RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28 September 2021 be adopted as a true record.

68 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

68.1 There were no declarations or requests.

69 Consideration of Planning Applications

69.1 NC/21/91507 – 86A Spring Lane – Notification of intent. 1 no. Lawson cypress (T1) - fell to ground level – The Committee agreed to object to the application on the grounds that there was no valid reason given for the felling of the tree. The Committee requested the tree officer assess the site to determine if the tree warranted felling.

69.2 T/21/91565 – 6 Bishops Court – 1 no. sweet chestnut (T1) - reduce lower lateral canopy towards house by up to 1.8 metres – The Committee agreed to raise no objection to the application.

69.3 H/21/91088 – 37 Church Road – Replacement outbuilding to include bike store, wc and home office (amended description) – The Committee agreed to raise no objection to the application, but wished to ask that a condition be added to ensure use of the office was solely for the residents at that address and that it would not be let. Additionally the Committee requested that the Borough ensure that the materials used in construction are in keeping with the surrounding area.

69.4 H/21//91549 – 1 Dartington Road – Part garage conversion to create home office and utility room – The Committee agreed to raise no objection to the application but requested a condition be added to ensure the use of the office is solely for the residents at that address, and also that during construction care be taken to avoid causing disruption to road traffic or pedestrians.

69.5 No further applications had arrived following the publication of this agenda.

70 To agree a response to the Bishopstoke Road Bus Priority Improvements Plan

70.1 The Committee had read through the documentation prior to the meeting. At the meeting the Committee provided responses to the survey's data questions based on their own bus use. Additional comments to be added were that this scheme appears to be a very costly way of upgrading a short stretch of highway with no evidence provided as to any tangible benefit. Additionally the inability to turn into and out of Riverside from Fair Oak will simply move traffic onto the already dangerous residential roads, increasing the problem of "rat running". However, the idea of improving the pedestrian crossing near the Hub received wide support.

71 To agree a response to the proposed replacement telecommunications mast on Church Road

71.1 The Committee felt that whilst the new mast would deliver welcome improvements to phone and internet access for Bishopstoke, the location suggested is too close to residences and provides a much more intrusive addition to the street scene than the location of the current mast. The Committee strongly felt that any new mast should be located in the same place as the old one, or at least on the same side of the road as this will have much less impact on local residents and residential amenity.

72 To receive the Clerk's report on recent planning decisions and other matters

72.1 The report on recent planning decisions and other matters had been circulated with the supporting documents and was noted by the Committee.

73 Date, time, place and agenda items for next meeting

73.1 The next meeting of the Planning Committee will take place at 7:00pm on Tuesday 26th October at the Bishopstoke Methodist Church.

74 Motion for Confidential Business

74.1 This item was deferred to the next meeting on 26th October.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 7:30pm

Chair's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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