

**Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, in the Robinson Room, Village Hall, High Street, Durrington, SP4 8AD**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Cllr D Healing	<b>Chairman, Planning Committee</b>
	Cllrs., Mr JP Todd (Chairman), Mr R Perry (Vice-Chairman), Mr W Clarke, Mr J Ellis, Mrs R Ellis, Mr P Galan-Bamfield, Mrs S Paines, Mr S Rennie, Mrs K Sharp and Mrs M Wardell.	<b>Councillors</b>
	<b>In Attendance:</b> Liz Moore Graham Wright	Clerk Wiltshire Councillor

**The meeting commenced at 18:45hrs.** There were 20 members of the public present including one child for all or part of the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr S Botham.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** none declared.

**3. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- a. **20/00194/TCA: application for work to trees in a Conservation Area.** Proposal: - Cherry Tree - Reduce by 25% at **Cherry Tree Cottage**, 32 High Street, Durrington, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 8AE. Members considered the plans and noted that the work planned was for a 25% overall reduction of the Cherry Tree not including the trunk, and that the tree was located in the front garden of the applicant. **It was resolved** to submit to WC no objection to the application. Proposed by Cllr J Ellis, seconded by Cllr K Sharp and carried unanimously.
- b. **19/11354/VAR: application for Variation of Condition.** Proposal: - Variation of condition 6 of planning permission 17/06373/FUL (New Medical & Dental Centre). To amend the timetable for the installation of the cycle parking spaces at the west side of the site at **Larkhill Garrison**, The Packway, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 8QT. Members considered the plans and it was noted that the MOD was applying for further time to enable them to demolish a building and use the space for cycle parking. [Area outlined in red on the plans]. Cllr D Healing said that it was likely that parking would be in place by the summer. **It was resolved** to submit to WC no objection to the application. Proposed by Cllr P Galan-Bamfield, seconded by Cllr S Rennie and carried unanimously.
- c. **19/11849/FUL: application for full planning** for erection of three pairs of semi-detached houses with associated access, parking and landscaping following the

demolition of existing property **at 2 Pinckneys Way**, Durrington, SP4 8BU. Cllr D Healing presented the plans, and the following points emerged:

- i. Small trees would replace the large ones [highlighted in blue on the plans].
- ii. Access to driveway parking would be from Stonehenge Road, and there would be access to a carport with parking for up to six cars from Pinckneys Way.
- iii. The applicant would be retaining the hedges.
- iv. The proposal was for x4 three-bedroom and x2 two-bedroom properties with downstairs and upstairs toilets.
- v. Side access was wide enough for wheelie bins.
- vi. The buildings were generally in keeping with the character of the area and surrounded by a mixture of bungalows and houses.
- vii. The applicant had carried out the required bat and tree survey.

**The Chairman thanked Cllr D Healing for his presentation and invited members of the public to ask questions.** It was noted that the developers were not present at the meeting that night.

- i. A member of the public asked whether members had thought about how approval of the planning application might set a precedent for other applications such as housing on Millennium Park. Graham Wright (Wiltshire Councillor) explained that WC had not included Millennium Park in any plans and it was outside of the building line. Cllr D Healing presented a map of Durrington with the Wiltshire Core Strategy and confirmed that Millennium Park was classed as R11 Recreation Use Only.
- ii. A member of the public said that cars from Stonehenge Road often sped into Pinckneys Way and he was concerned about how an increase in cars would affect road safety.
- iii. A member of the public reported that over the years, hedging had encroached across the original splay designed into the opening of Pinckneys and represented a current safety risk.
- iv. Residents might have to put up with the inconvenience of two years of housing development.
- v. Approximately 18 windows would be looking into the garden of an existing house no. 4 and loss of view incurred by the erection of a four-metre tall carport. The member of the public was also concerned about loss of garden space and habitat for wildlife.
- vi. A member of the public felt that the houses were not in keeping with the character of the area and stressed that potentially there could be four cars per household because children were staying at home longer. This meant that there was not going to be enough parking provision.
- vii. A member of the public also felt that the houses were not in keeping with the character of the Village. She was concerned about potential early starts for building work, movement of contractors' vehicles on the narrow roads and the safety risk presented by the blind bend when travelling onto Pinckneys Way.

- viii. Does Durrington need another mini estate?
- ix. Road junction guidance changed in December 2019 and the design of the junction did not appear to accommodate the required sight lines for entry/exit. The proposed houses were out of keeping with existing buildings, as they did not have their own garages.

In discussion, members expressed concerns about the proposed development, they noted the issues raised by residents and **it was resolved** to object to the application for the following reasons:

1. There were serious concerns about road safety and access onto Stonehenge Road.
2. The plans represented over development of the site and there was not enough parking provision.
3. The character of the street scene would be lost.
4. There would be undue pressure on existing services and a question about whether the sewer infrastructure would be able to cope with the extra houses.
5. There would be a large loss of wildlife in a Village setting.
6. Loss of privacy for residents and the impact of reflectance of plate glass windows.

Proposed by Cllr R Ellis, seconded by Cllr K Sharp and carried unanimously. Graham Wright (Wiltshire Councillor) offered to call in the application and members encouraged residents to write to WC Planning and / or log their objections via the on-line system.

**The meeting finished at 19:22hrs.**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_