

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held virtually on 11 February 2021

+ Cllr Edward Hawkins (Chairman)
+ Cllr Victoria Wheeler (Vice Chairman)

+ Cllr Graham Alleway	+ Cllr Robin Perry
+ Cllr Peter Barnett	+ Cllr Darryl Ratiram
+ Cllr Cliff Betton	+ Cllr Morgan Rise
+ Cllr Colin Dougan	+ Cllr Graham Tapper
+ Cllr Shaun Garrett	+ Cllr Helen Whitcroft
+ Cllr David Lewis	+ Cllr Valerie White
+ Cllr Charlotte Morley	

+ Present

- Apologies for absence presented

* Present from midway through Minute 49/P

Members in Attendance: Cllr Emma McGrath and Cllr Pat Tedder

Officers Present: Duncan Carty, Will Hinde, Jon Partington and Eddie Scott

48/P Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2021 and were updated that the words 'and the associated noise of the proposal', would be included in the preamble to the resolution on application 19/2041 after the words 'proposed acoustic fencing'.

Subsequently, the minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

49/P Application Number: 20/0712 - 104 High Street, Chobham, Woking, Surrey, GU24 8LZ

The application was for the erection of a two storey dwelling (partly cantilevered) following the demolition of existing bungalow.

The application would have normally been determined under the Council's Scheme of Delegation. However, it had been referred to the Planning Applications Committee for determination by Councillor Victoria Wheeler because the development was out of keeping with the streetscene and Conservation Area, and was inappropriate development in the Green Belt.

The applicant had submitted an appeal for non-determination and therefore the Planning Inspectorate was now the determining authority. However, for the appeal it was still necessary to conclude what the Council's decision would have been if it had been the determining authority.

Members were notified of the following updates:

“The appeal has been started by the Planning Inspectorate and a costs award application submitted by the applicant/appellant. A response to the costs award application has now been sent to the Planning Inspectorate.

County Archaeologist raises no objections, subject to condition.

Four further objections received raising no new issues.”

As the application had triggered the Council’s Public Speaking Scheme, Mrs Alison Tilbrook and Mr Ian Tilbrook shared a public speaking slot and spoke in objection to the application. Mr Richard Nelson; and Mr James Osbourn, on behalf of the Chobham Society, shared a public speaking slot and also spoke in objection. Ms Kelli Bruzas, the applicant, spoke in support of the application.

The officer recommendation which would have been to refuse the application was proposed by Councillor Victoria Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Shaun Garrett and put to the vote and carried.

RESOLVED that

- I. application 20/0712 would have been refused; and**
- II. it be noted that as the applicant had submitted an appeal for non-determination the Planning Inspectorate was now the determining authority.**

Note 1

It was noted for the record that:

- I. Councillor Edward Hawkins declared that the Committee had received various pieces of correspondence in relation to the application;
- I. Councillor Victoria Wheeler declared that she had too received various pieces of correspondence and had also met with residents in respect of the proposal.

Note 2

A roll call vote was conducted on the application and the voting was as follows:

Voting in favour of the officer recommendation:

Councillors Graham Alleway, Colin Dougan, Shaun Garrett, Edward Hawkins, David Lewis, Charlotte Morley, Robin Perry, Darryl Ratiram, Victoria Wheeler, Helen Whitcroft and Valerie White.

Voting against the officer recommendation:

Councillors Cliff Betton, Morgan Rise and Graham Tapper.

As Councillor Peter Barnett was not present for the whole consideration of the item, he did not vote on the application.

Chairman

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