



Minutes of the Bradford on Avon Town Council Planning & Environment Committee
Held in St Margaret's Hall, St Margaret's Street, Bradford on Avon
On Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 7.00pm

Present:

Cllr A Kay (Chairman)
Cllr J Parker
Cllr M Roberts
Cllr D Newton
Nigel Gerdes (Climate Friendly)
Val Baker (Administrator)

Members of the Public:

John Baker (Wiltshire Times)
Sabrina Goddard
Andrew Brennan
Brian Elliot
Georgina Newton and 7 others

Apologies: Cllr T Lomax

129. Declarations of interest
None.

130. Minutes
It was proposed by Cllr Roberts seconded by Cllr Parker and with all in favour **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the Wednesday 10th January 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

131. Correspondence relating to planning applications to be considered at this meeting.

132. Planning applications

(i) It was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Roberts and with all in favour **RESOLVED** to forward planning recommendations on the attached sheets to be sent to Wiltshire Council.

Bellway Planning Application - 17/03844/REM was further discussed in some depth. Cllr Kay read out BOATC Planning Consultant's comments as circulated with the agenda.

She reported that WC Planning had been very accommodating with regards to keeping the consultation period open for so long and BOATC were grateful for the extra time that had allowed a veneer of changes with some benefits.

It was proposed by Cllr Parker seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour **RESOLVED** to refuse the planning application and to write another letter to Bellway directly with our concerns and request more quality consultation; we will also send a copy of our Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Kay to draft a letter.

(ii) There were no delegated decisions.

133. Chairman's Report

(i) The Chair reported that potential flood defences for Bradford on Avon would be discussed at the Town Management & Development meeting on Tuesday 30th January at 7.00 in St Margaret's Hall with the Environment Agency (EA). Cllr Newton explained that this was only a proposal at this stage and this had been welcomed by BOATC. He further reported that the EA would provide an Information Kiosk during the afternoon of the 30th where members of public could visit and ask FAQ's that were of concern to them.

- (ii) Correspondence received about Flood Defence Plans for Bradford on Avon
Letters from J Funnel and D Casey were noted reporting their concerns about the Flood Defence project. It was **agreed** to forward these to the TM & D Clerk to note at this meeting.

134. Environment Report

Nigel Gerdes reported that he had attended a Climate Friendly meeting where the group itemised proposed 'topic group work' activity for this year and subsequent years as follows:

- **Transport** – improved local bus services, campaign to stop parking on footpaths & pavements and improve signage for cars and pedestrians in the town centre
- **Waste** - encourage local pubs/cafes to stop using plastic straws, brand a BOA reusable cup widely on sale, a joint Fountain project with BOA Pres Trust and the Town Council, campaign about the high cost for businesses to recycle glass
- **Energy** - adoption of low energy appliances, renewables, thermal imaging survey, Carbon recording, and tracking progress to carbon neutrality by 2050.
- **Biodiversity**
Tree planting & woodland management (finding new sites), increased habitat mapping, raising awareness of importance of local wild landscape in relation to new development

It was proposed by Cllr Newton and **agreed** that BOATC should explore and get assessment for a renewable Energy Supplier. Climate Friendly offered their assistance with this matter.

135. Correspondence to note

- (i) an email from Climate Friendly giving information about Waste reduction was noted with a website address www.terracylce.co.uk/en-UK/bridgades with details on how to recycle for free
- (ii) a WC Planning Newsletter Issue 5 was noted and circulated at the meeting.

128. Correspondence for action

There was none.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Action Plan

Agenda item no	Action	By whom
132 (i)	Arrange a separate meeting with Bellway about Planning Application 17/03844/REM Write another letter to Bellway Send letter and copy of NP plus photos of the town to the Developer.	Clerk Cllr Kay Clerk/Comms Off.
133 (ii)	Send letter from J Funnel and D Casey to T Clerk for the Town Management mtg. on the 30 th Jan.	Clerk
134.	Arrange for an assessment for renewable Energy Supplier Need to put an article in the next newsletter about the 2050 carbon neutral target	Climate Friendly & T C Office Comms Officer

APPENDIX 1

QUESTION TIME OPEN TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Comments from members of public in connection with the REM Application from Bellway Homes as follows:

Sabrina Goddard – raised her concerns about the differing heights of rooves and the closeness of new properties that overlook her property, and the overall design of the development. She said she had been encouraged by the initial consultation but disappointed that the current plan did not reflect ideas apparently agreed (e.g landscaping, lowering elevations at edges). She further added that there were certain clauses within the Neighbourhood Plan that should have been kept in that the Developer would then have had to adhere to. Cllr Kay responded by saying that the NP had lots of valuable points and strong clauses that could be implemented.

Brian Elliot – commented that his and other comments had been forwarded to the Developer but appeared to be ignored such as the overall appearance of the houses and sustainability of the site, there was no mention of a Travel plan and the 'backdoor' corridor did not exist.

Nigel Gerdes – roof lines appear to be haphazard with no universal appearance which had a major impact on surrounding properties. He concurred with Brian Elliot's comments and added his concerns for the need of houses to be affordable and sustainable and not the cheap property money-making exercise that it appears to be.

Georgina Newton – referred to the letter that was originally sent to Bellway and asked why weren't they taking the comments seriously. She also said that future maintenance of open spaces taken on by residents is not sustainable – Cllr Newton concurred this.

Andrew Bennan – concerned about pedestrian safety over the Town Bridge. Cllr Kay asked that this matter should be referred to the Traffic & Highways Committee meeting on 13th March at 7.00 p.m. in Town Council office.