



Virtual Minutes of the Bradford on Avon Town Council Environment & Planning Committee
Held online in the Town Council Offices, St Margaret's Street, Bradford on Avon
On Wednesday 8th April 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr A Kay (Chairman)
Cllr J Parker (Vice Chairman)
Cllr D Newton
Chris Hogg – (Green Spaces Officer)
Cllr E Franklin
Cllr T Lomax
Sandra Bartlett – Town Clerk
Val Baker (Admin Clerk)

Members of the Public: Jeremy Wire

Apologies: There were none.

155. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Parker seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour **RESOLVED:** to approve the minutes for the 18th February 2020 and the delegated minutes for the 10th & 24th March 2020 as a true record and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

156. Declarations of interests – there were none.

157. Planning applications

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr Franklin seconded by Cllr Lomax and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** to send the planning recommendations to Wiltshire Council.
- (ii) There were no delegated decisions to be made.

158. Correspondence relating to planning applications to be considered at this meeting – there was none.

Cllr Kay reported that the Planning Application for Manvers House was awaiting information in respect of English Heritage. Cllr Gibson had 'Called in' the application as this was contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan as it would result in losing limited office/employment space within the town.

159. Chairman's Report (Chairman's report attached to these minutes).

Cllr Kay reported that to date BOATC had received over 178 referrals from Bradford on Avon residents who required prescription collection and shopping. The service given by the volunteers had been in operation for 2 weeks (7 days a week) and was working well. A letter would be sent to both Silver Street and the Health Centre chemists advising residents who are self-isolating to take advantage of the home delivery service. It was noted that the crowd funding page set up to assist vulnerable adults had reached over £4000, this included £1000 already given by the Council (£500 to the Floaty Boat and £500 to the Hub). Daily update meetings were taking place between the Leader of the Council, the Town Clerk, the Director of Operations and the Communications Officer to update on COVID-19 matters.

Chris Hogg gave an update on Green Spaces – the Asset Transfer that was due for completion in June had been delayed likewise the Wiltshire Council Green Infrastructure Policy which would 'feed' into the review of the Neighbourhood Plan had also been postponed until a later date.

160. Becky Addy Woods

Chairman's report attached to these minutes. Becky Addy Woods is 10.66 acres of woodland south of the Kennet & Avon Canal, currently held under Private ownership and entirely within the Parish of Westwood. It borders the Kennet & Avon Canal and the Country Park and is immediately adjacent to Bradford on Avon Town Boundary. The land is listed for sale by Cooper and Tanner and will be auction online on the 23rd April 2020. The whole area of woodland has a TPO and

holds significant value for the habitat of rare and protected species there in, including bats, birds and plants. A long discussion took place regarding the benefits of acquiring the wood by the Town Council which would provide both ecological and wellbeing for the whole community.

- It was proposed by Cllr Kay seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour **RESOLVED:** To approve BOATC Officers to make appropriate enquiries and actions to acquire Becky Addy Woods in order to protect them, for the community and (in principle), 'to seed a Community Fund' and/or seek grants and donations as available. The Council would work in partnership with other Councils and organisations towards this aim. Depending of amount of donations received, possible Virtual Extraordinary Full Council many need to be scheduled.

A second motion was proposed by Cllr Kay seconded by Cllr Newton and with all in favour **RESOLVED:** to 'seed' a fund of £3000 from the Environment & Planning Committee budget towards a fund.

161. Correspondence for Action

There was none.

162. Correspondence to note

Planning Reference W/98/01144/FUL – 6 Church St Bradford on Avon

A letter had been received from Wiltshire Council Planning Enforcement Officer (as circulated to Cllrs) was noted. This was in response to an enquiry made by the resident of 3 Church Street.

The meeting closed at 20.55 p.m.

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 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED AT THE DELEGATED ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING
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Town Council reference	1
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	19/12114/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	17.04.20
Town Council meeting date	08.04.20
Case Officer	Verity Giles-Franklin
Applicant	Avonleigh Orchards
Address	Avonleigh Organic Vineyard & Orchard Orchard Leigh
Description of work	Proposed hard standing for entrance into field
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

Town Council reference	2
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/02109/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	15.04.20
Town Council meeting date	08.04.20
Case Officer	Carla Rose
Applicant	Mr H Dunstan
Address	1 Bear Close BA15 1PZ
Description of work	Proposed Two Storey side extension
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

Town Council reference	3
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	20/02140/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	15.04.20
Town Council meeting date	08.04.20
Case Officer	Yancy Sun
Applicant	Mr H Mace
Address	143 Bath Rd
Description of work	Demolition of existing side s/storey UPVC conservatory & canopy, erection of s/storey extension to the side & rear of property. Conversion of roof into habitable space by alterations to the roof & additional rear facing dormer. Relocate the front door from the side to the front of the porch.
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections

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Town Council reference	4
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/0239/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	29.03.20
Town Council meeting date	08.04.20
Case Officer	Helena Carney
Applicant	Mr J Randall
Address	Rowden House, Rowden Lane BA152AB
Description of work	Demolition of existing kitchen, bathroom & sheds, build an extension to the east & re-roof existing garage.
Town Council recommendation	REFUSE - From the inadequate information provided this appears to be a large extension to a small existing cottage in the Green Belt. There is no planning statement or justification & no calculations of the existing & proposed floor area/volume. The design of the new work dominates the existing house. The proposal is contrary to national & local planning policies that seek to protect the Green Belt & should be refused.