



Minutes of a Virtual meeting held by Bradford on Avon Town Council

Environment & Planning Committee

On

Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

Cllr A Kay (Chairman)
Cllr D Newton
Cllr T Lomax
Cllr J Parker
Cllr E Franklin
Cllr M Roberts
Chris Hogg – Green Spaces Officer
Colin Johns – BOATC Planning Consultant
Lydia Booth – Communications Manager
Val Baker (Clerk)

Members of the Public: 9 people

A statement was read out by the Clerk to inform participants attending this virtual E & P meeting that it would be recorded and published on the Town Council's website via YouTube.

91. Apologies:

There were none.

92. Declarations of interests

Colin John's declared an interest, for planning application 21/00441/FUL Golden Maplecroft BA15 2PE.

93. Minutes

With a few minor amendments to the minutes - It was proposed by Cllr Newton seconded by Cllr Parker and with all in favour **RESOLVED:** to approve the virtual E & P minutes for 9th February 2021.

94. Planning applications

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr Franklin seconded by Cllr Parker 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.

95. Correspondence relating to planning applications to be considered at this meeting –

There were none.

96. Wiltshire Local Plan Consultation

The Draft 1 response to the Local Plan had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. An in-depth discussion took place addressing the 6 questions on the form. Additions and comments were noted by the Chair. It was **agreed** if Councillors had further comments to make, they need to forward to the Chair no later than lunch time 250221 so that a Draft 2 could be attached to the Full Council agenda. It was further noted that the

Emerging Spatial Strategy Consultation response form edited from Gillian Ellis King's response would also be attached to the Full Council agenda.

Cllr Kay reported that the electronic response form designed by WC was unreliable and did not allow the public to easily respond online in a 'oner' often crashing out and losing all comments. Cllr Parker agreed with this and suggested that if the form was difficult then people should send an email or even write a letter to WC but **do** something. Cllr Kay had liaised with Louise Weissel who was assisting residents who had found it difficult to respond. Cllr Newton added that the timing of the consultation was disappointing but sympathised with WC's position given that they were being directed by National Government. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, BOATC did not have the ability to have public meetings and he suggested that we include the Biodiversity report and all information so that if WC ignore any submissions in the consultation then BOATC could question the reasonableness of future decisions they make.

97. Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Kay reported that a meeting had not yet been arranged, due to other pressing issues, for the review of the Neighbourhood plan, but this was in hand and a meeting with Cllrs and important advisers will be convened in early March to determine what the process will be. Appropriate volunteers would be needed after this meeting to help prepare this. Colin Johns said that the current plan is to a large part satisfactory and that only certain parts of it needs to be reviewed, adding that it was about 'updating' the plan not revisiting the whole plan; and that we need to make it clear before engaging help as to what exactly we want the plan to achieve, and how. He made the following points that should be addressed:

1. What aspects of the plan do we need to revisit?
2. Refer to the brief, and do what is within the resources that the Town Council can put in.

Cllr Kay reported that WALPA had received responses from all MP's and from Philip Whitehead (WC) to the letters that referred to the new planning regulations affecting the Neighbourhood plan. Another WALPA meeting will be held on Friday when they hope to send a letter to Secretary of State.

98. Chairman's report and Environmental update (attached)

Cllr Newton reported that he had spoken to Director of Operations, to request a final review from our Energy Purchasing organisation for a quote for the requirements asked for, namely for the removal of carbon generating providers. A response is expected next week. Cllr Kay attended a Climate Summit on 19th Feb chaired by MP Danny Kruger where she raised the issue of Biomass. She attended a Climate Friendly event on 15th Feb where they discussed what they could do in readiness for 'COP' 2026 at the event to be held 1st – 12th Nov 2021. Fairtrade fortnight started this week 22nd Feb- 7th March. The Scouts had made bunting, which is up on McKeever Bridge to spread the message.

The Full Council agenda will include some Green and Pleasant walks known as 'Slow Ways' to encourage more walking; also some 'Kingfisher trails' as part of the Cotswold AONB – akin to the previous 'Owl trails' that have taken place in Bradford on Avon. Compostable Dog poo bags were on order and will be on sale shortly in the TIC, the Town Wardens will also be allocated with them to be disposed of in the normal litter bins.

99. Correspondence for Action – There was none.

100. Correspondence to note – There was none.

The meeting ended at 20.23 p.m.

Appendix 1 – Members of public comments

There were none.

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 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE DELEGATED ENVIRONMENT &
 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 24th February 2021

Town Council reference	1
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	20/11247/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	26.02.21
Town Council meeting date	24.02.21
Case Officer	Gen Collins
Applicant	Mr D Lyon
Address	19 Silver St BA15 1LZ
Description of work	Conversion of existing garden court into a kitchen, existing kitchen into a new snug. Refit existing bathroom.
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection subject to confirmation that the green roof will not be used as a balcony to protect the amenity of adjoining neighbours.

Town Council reference	2
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	21/00604/LBC
Type of application	LBC
Date to comment	26.02.21
Town Council meeting date	24.02.21
Case Officer	Gen Collins
Applicant	Mr D Lyon
Address	19 Silver St BA15 1LZ
Description of work	Conversion of existing garden court into a kitchen, existing kitchen into a new snug. Refit existing bathroom.
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objection subject to confirmation that the green roof will not be used as a balcony to protect the amenity of adjoining neighbours.

Town Council reference	3
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	21/00276/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	01.03.21
Town Council meeting date	24.02.21
Case Officer	Selina Parker-Miles
Applicant	Miss K Jogic
Address	5 Priors Park BA15 1QU
Description of work	Single storey side extension
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections.

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Town Council reference	4
Ward	Bradford on Avon South
Planning Application Number	21/00424/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	11.03.21
Town Council meeting date	24.02.21
Case Officer	Yancy Sun
Applicant	BOATC
Address	37 Silver Street
Description of work	Installation of a living green wall to the south elevation of number 37 Silver Street
Town Council recommendation	No comment

Town Council reference	5
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	21/00441/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	05.03.21
Town Council meeting date	24.02.21
Case Officer	Verity Giles Franklin
Applicant	Isabel & Simon Griffiths & Gunstone
Address	Golden Maplecroft BA15 2PE
Description of work	Repair & construction of a stone built historic garden structure believed to be an orchid house.
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - BOATC have previously approved plans to reconstruct this interesting, historic building. The current application addresses the WC concern about relocating within the garden and now stays on same site.

Town Council reference	6
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	21/00749\FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	11.03.21
Town Council meeting date	24.02.21
Case Officer	Gen Collins
Applicant	Mr & Mrs Lacey
Address	2 Belcombe Place BA15 1NA
Description of work	Refurbishment of the existing dwelling with proposed new openings to the rear of the property. Replacement of the garage roof and wall.
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections.

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Town Council reference	7
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	21/01270/TCA
Type of application	TCA
Date to comment	05.03.21
Town Council meeting date	24.02.21
Case Officer	Bev Griffin
Applicant	Mr B Garforth
Address	2 Conigre Hill BA15 1NJ
Description of work	Two sycamores (T1 and T2). Remove lower 2 or 3 dropping limbs. These low, long limbs have grown downwards over a bank that we are developing with native shrubs and flowering plants, to create a natural woodland edge habitat.
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - Care should be taken not to disturb nesting birds or roosting bats; the owners might want to consider installing replacement features such as bird and bat boxes if appropriate.

Town Council reference	8
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	21/01271/TCA
Type of application	TCA
Date to comment	08.03.21
Town Council meeting date	24.02.21
Case Officer	Bev Griffin
Applicant	Mr B Garforth
Address	2 Conigre Hill BA15 1NJ
Description of work	Mature Ash Tree - (A1) fell
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - See additional comments attached

Town Council reference	9
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	21/00863/FUL
Type of application	FUL
Date to comment	15.03.21
Town Council meeting date	24.02.21
Case Officer	Yancy Sun
Applicant	Mr & Mrs I Alexandra Gardiner
Address	9 Budbury Place BA15 1QF
Description of work	Construction of external paved terrace adjoining existing raised footpath to front of dwelling
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - No objections.

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Town Council reference	10
Ward	Bradford on Avon North
Planning Application Number	21/01269/TCA
Type of application	TCA
Date to comment	05.03.21
Town Council meeting date	24.02.21
Case Officer	Bev Griffin
Applicant	Mr B Garforth
Address	63 Newtown
Description of work	Yew (T1). Trim back to previous points; and remove two stems which are impinging on house roof.
Town Council recommendation	PERMIT - PERMIT: Care should be taken not to disturb nesting birds or roosting bats; the owners might want to consider installing features such as bird and bat boxes.

BOATC Additional Comments for Planning application 21/01271/TCA – 2 Conigre Hill BA15 1NJ

PERMIT

Town Council Reference No 8

It is always regrettable to lose a mature tree but it seems the best action here. Replacement tree-planting is welcomed. Care should be taken not to disturb nesting birds or roosting bats; the owners might want to consider installing replacement features such as bird and bat boxes. Given the landscape and ecological significance of trees in this location, we request a minimum intervention approach to work on this tree sufficient to achieve safety. If felling is necessary, please consider leaving the tree as a pollard or coppice.