

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2013 AT 5.30PM

- PRESENT : Councillors Budge, P Dignum, Rees and Woolley (Chairman)
- EX OFFICIO : The Mayor (Councillor Chaplin)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Hughes)
- IN ATTENDANCE : Planning Adviser and Mayoral Administrative Assistant
- APOLOGIES : Councillors Plowman and Siggs
- ABSENT : Councillors Smith and Shone

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed, seconded, put to the vote and RESOLVED that Councillor Woolley be elected Chairman of the Planning and Conservation Committee for the remainder of the Council year. There were no other nominations.

Councillor Budge wished it recorded that he voted against the proposal.

It was further proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Councillor Rees be elected Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Conservation Committee for the remainder of the Council year. There were no other nominations

2 TO CONFIRM CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN MEMBERSHIP OF SUB-COMMITTEES, NAMELY PLANNING DELEGATION SUB-COMMITTEE

In accordance with Standing Order 45, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were asked to indicate membership of the Sub-Committee reporting to the Planning and Conservation Committee, namely: Planning Delegation Sub-Committee.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman indicated that they wished to serve on the Planning Delegation Sub-Committee.

3 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2013 having been printed and circulated were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

The Mayor and Councillors Budge, P Dignum and Woolley as members of Chichester District Council declared a Personal Interest.

5 ANY MATTERS TO REPORT FROM THE CHICHESTER CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There were no items to report.

6 PLANNING CONTRAVENTIONS

The Chairman reported the following:

(i) Gifts Express, 61 East Street

Garish colour notice board on the shop front.

(ii) L'Occitane, 23 North Street

Bright orange colour shop fascia.

The Planning Adviser was asked to pursue these matters.

RESOLVED that the Planning Adviser take the necessary action.

7 NETTING ON FRONT OF WESTS RESTAURANT, WEST STREET, CHICHESTER (Minute 155 refers)

The Planning Adviser informed the Committee of an email reply he had received to his previous email enquiry to the Enforcement Team at Chichester District Council about the removal of the unsightly netting on the front of Wests Restaurant in West Street. He read to the Committee the reply which stated that contact would be made with the owners about the need to undertake the repairs which necessitated the netting being in place. The Planning Adviser would keep the Committee informed of progress.

RESOLVED to note the current situation.

8 UNTIDY LAND ADJACENT TO CHICHESTER CENTRE OF ARTS, EAST STREET, CHICHESTER

The Planning Adviser said that he had pursued the matter of the untidy land adjacent to Chichester Centre of Arts in East Street with the City Centre Partnership. He had received an email from Alex Medhurst of the City Centre Partnership which stated that quotes were being obtained for the construction of a consented bin store in this area but that progress had been slow.

The Chairman sought the advice of the Committee on whether the City Council should be involved with improvements to the area, ie: make contact with the Oxmarket (the owners of the land). The Planning Adviser felt that the City Centre Partnership, who were sympathetic to the views of the City Council, should deal with this matter in the first instance.

9 CHICHESTER STREET ART FESTIVAL - WALL PAINTINGS ON LISTED BUILDINGS

Councillor Woolley declared a Personal Interest in this item.

The Planning Adviser said that he had made contact with Andrew Frost, Assistant Director Development Management, and subsequently Lone Le Vay, Design and Implementation Manager, Chichester District Council, about the wall paintings on Listed buildings. A reply had been received which said that only 43 North Street, as a Listed building, was affected. He read to the Committee the reply which stated: "due to the temporary nature of the work it is unlikely that any enforcement action will be taken in the short term, subject to the paintings being removed and the original painted finish reinstated within 12 weeks of the installation".

The Committee expressed their concerns robustly that consultation was not being made of the City Council prior to any works of this nature taking place. The Planning Adviser was requested to reiterate the Committee's concerns to Chichester District Council and also to pursue the process of removal of the wall art after the 12 weeks period of installation had expired.

RESOLVED that the Planning Adviser take the necessary action.

10 CROOKED MEAD FARM ADJOINING SOUTH SIDE OF A27 TRUNK ROAD (IN FISHBOURNE PARISH) - PLANNING APPLICATION REF: WSCC/070/12/FB - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONSULTATION BY WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

The Planning Adviser reminded the Committee of their consideration of this application at a previous meeting on 19 December 2012 at which they had raised an objection which he read to the Committee. He said that additional information had now been received via email from West Sussex County Council, Planning Department. The information related to an altered site layout and the Planning Adviser circulated to the Committee copies of the plans.

After consideration the Committee again RESOLVED to raise objection on the grounds of the likely significant increase in vehicular traffic generated by the proposed use and its impact on the heavily trafficked A27 Trunk Road together with the increased detrimental impact on visual amenity and the nearby Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The possibility of pollution of the adjacent River Lavant is also of concern. The Planning Adviser would inform West Sussex County Council accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Planning Adviser would inform West Sussex County Council of the City Council's objection to this application.

11 DRAFT CONSULTATION PAPER ON DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURE

The Committee noted the draft consultation paper and explanatory email from Philip Coleman, Member Services Manager, Chichester District Council appended to the Agenda. Comments on the Development Management Committee Restructure were invited to be with the District Council by 19 June 2013. After discussion the principal areas of concern were the proposal for senior officers of Chichester District Council to determine under delegated powers householder (DOM) applications where Parish Councils had objected but the case officer had recommended approval. The Committee were also concerned that the proposed changes to the system were less transparent than the present system. For this reason District Councillors (who are also City Councillors) may be minded to "Red Card" any householder applications to which the City Council has objected so as to ensure that such applications are considered by the proposed new District Planning Committee. No comments were made regarding the other changes proposed.

The Planning Adviser would advise Philip Coleman at Chichester District Council accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Planning Adviser take the necessary action.

12 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The minutes of the Planning Delegation Sub Committee meeting held on 1 May and 22 May 2013 having been previously circulated, were approved and adopted.

13 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- Chichester Street Art Festival - wall paintings on Listed buildings

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 3 July 2013 at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 6.59pm.