

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2013 AT 5.30PM

PRESENT : Councillors Budge, P Dignum, Rees and Woolley (Chairman)

EX OFFICIO : The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Hughes)
Councillor Plowman

IN ATTENDANCE : Planning Adviser and Mayoral Administrative Assistant
Mr Harry Groucott of MH Architects Limited

APOLOGIES : The Mayor (Councillor Chaplin)
Councillor Shone

ABSENT : Councillor Siggs

69 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2013 having been printed and circulated were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

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

71 PLANNING CONTRAVENTIONS

(i) Councillor Plowman re-iterated the Committee's previous concerns regarding the possibility of unauthorised parking on the Prebendal School playing field.

(ii) Councillor Hughes mentioned the blacked out windows at the premises of A Plan Insurance at 1 Little London.

(iii) Car Phone Warehouse - blacked out windows facing the Market Cross.

RESOLVED that the Planning Adviser investigate these matters and report back to the Committee.

72 SCHEDULE OF PLANNING CONTRAVENTIONS RELATING TO CHICHESTER CITY - EXTRACTED FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL'S REPORT TO ITS PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 16 OCTOBER 2013

The Committee RESOLVED to note the District Council's Schedule of Planning Contraventions relating to Chichester City appended to the Agenda.

73 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

List 39 (extract) - 25 September 2013

CC/13/02965/FUL

Elberry Properties Ltd

White Eaves and Doric House Chestnut Avenue Chichester West Sussex

Demolition of White Eaves and Doric House and erection of four detached houses with vehicular access and associated external works.

Mr Harry Groucott of MH Architects, agents for the applicants, gave a short presentation in support of this application and invited questions from the Committee.

No objection but would suggest that if planning permission is granted it should be conditional upon the submission and approval of details showing the method of protection of existing mature trees on the site during the construction period. It is also suggested building operation works and deliveries during the construction period should be limited to between 7.30am and 6.00pm on Mondays to Fridays, 7.30am and 1pm on Saturdays, with no working on Sundays or Public Holidays - in the interests of the amenities of neighbouring residential property.

List 40 (extract) - 2 October 2013

CC/13/02578/FUL

City Centre Partnership

Within Crane Street Chichester West Sussex

Public art installation comprising of 3 no. floor mounted sculptures.

No objection.

74 OLD PRIEST'S HOUSE, WHYKE ROAD - REPAIR OF ROOF
(Minute 63 refers)

The Planning Adviser read to the Committee an email response received from Dr Ian Wightman, Historic Buildings Adviser at Chichester District Council. Dr Wightman explained that due to an ongoing legal situation, the Old Priest's House building had been in a state of limbo with regards to its ownership which had prevented any progress from being made on the future of the building. However, it was understood that ownership had now been resolved and Dr Wightman had written to them to request a meeting to progress the matter.

With regards to the City Council's request to consider moving the building to the Weald and Downland Museum, Dr Wightman said that this would not be possible as Listed Buildings were protected by law in-situ where all their values - historical, architectural, spatial, archaeological and social could be maintained according to good conservation practice.

RESOLVED that the Planning Adviser keep the Committee informed of progress on this matter.

75 CHICHESTER STREET ART FESTIVAL - WALL PAINTINGS ON VARIOUS BUILDINGS IN THE CITY
(Minute 64 refers)

The Planning Adviser read to the Committee an email response received from Andrew Frost, Assistant Director, Development Management at Chichester District Council which advised that he had asked the Council's Principal Solicitor to review the legal position with regards to Advertisement Consent and would keep the Planning Adviser informed accordingly.

The Chairman reported on communications he had received supporting the art installations and suggested that committee members begin to think about any which should be conserved.

The period of display for the artwork was being pursued with the organisers of the street art festival with a view to agreeing a process for removal unless there were exceptional reasons that might justify the retention of certain installations.

RESOLVED to note the current situation.

76 STREET LIGHTING IN CHICHESTER CITY
(Minute 60 refers)

Councillor Plowman said that progress was being made with regards to the replacement of street lighting in North, South, East and West streets. These would be a Victorian-style Heritage Lamp with LED lighting. The "Chichester Lantern" would be used to replace the current lamps on buildings and the quality of the lighting would be such as to give a warmer light consistent throughout Chichester. Councillor Plowman circulated to the Committee examples of the proposed replacement lighting and said that a costing of £30,000 had been approved. It was noted that King George Gardens was not part of the current scheme but that this may be revisited in the future.

The Planning Adviser was requested to inform the Property Manager accordingly.

RESOLVED to note the current situation.

77 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR THE WEST OF CHICHESTER

Councillor Plowman gave a brief outline of progress of his discussions in this matter. He said that on Friday 1 November 2013 he and Richard Cole, Chairman of the Parklands Residents Association, would be attending a Chichester District Council Neighbourhood Planning Forum meeting with all Parishes who are compiling a Neighbourhood Plan. Councillor Plowman would update the Committee at the next meeting on 20 November 2013.

RESOLVED to note that this item had also been previously discussed by the Business Review Committee on Friday 19 July 2013 but not at the Planning Committee. Further RESOLVED that Councillor Plowman would keep the Committee informed of progress.

78 APPEAL DECISION

(i) Appeal By Wagamama, 26 South Street, Chichester

The Planning Adviser said that this appeal had been allowed and that planning permission for the change of use from A1 retail to A3 restaurant use had been granted by the Planning Inspectorate subject to conditions.

79 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The minutes of the Planning Delegation Sub Committee meeting held on 27 September 2013 and 11 October 2013 having been previously circulated, were approved and adopted.

80 PLANNING TRAINING FOR PARISH COUNCILS -
FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2013 (2PM TO 5PM)

The Chairman advised the Committee of a planning training event at Chichester District Council taking place on Friday 1 November 2013 from 2pm to 5pm at which two City Councillors were invited to attend. The Deputy Mayor and Councillor Rees indicated their wish to attend and the District Council would be advised by the Town Clerk accordingly.

RESOLVED that the District Council be advised by the Town Clerk of the City Council's representatives' attendance at the Planning Training event on 1 November 2013.

81 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- Old Priest's House - Whyke Road - update
- Chichester Street Art Festival - update
- Vincent Gray - to give a presentation on the proposed sculpture of Poet John Keats
- Neighbourhood Plan - Councillor Plowman

82 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 6.53pm.