

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2014 AT 5.30PM

- PRESENT : Councillors Apel, Budge, and Chaplin, Garrett, P Dignum and Woolley
- EX OFFICIO : The Mayor (Councillor Hughes)
Councillor Plowman
- IN ATTENDANCE : Planning Adviser and Mayoral/Administrative Assistant
Mr Andrew Fynamore and Mrs Kim Long (City Centre Partnership)
- ALSO PRESENT : Councillor French
- APOLOGIES : Deputy Mayor (Councillor Siggs)
Councillor Shone

49 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2014 having been printed and circulated were signed by the Chairman as a correct record. with the following amendment:

Councillor Garrett be recorded as "Apologies" and not "Absent".

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

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

51 PLANNING CONTRAVENTIONS

The Planning Adviser reported on the following:

- (i) 24, and 36 The Hornet - Downlighters
- (ii) 9, St Pancras - Fascia Sign
- (iii) The Mobile Hub, Phone Shop, North Street - unauthorised advertisements

The Planning Adviser said that notice had been served by the Enforcement Team at Chichester District Council for the removal of the unauthorised advertisements at The Mobile Hub in North Street. Failure to comply within 7 days would result in prosecution.

- (iv) Tesco Store, Fishbourne Road East

Councillor Apel said that regarding the land adjacent to the Tesco Petrol Filling Station at Fishbourne Road East the hoarding had been removed and a fence erected and she was concerned whether there would now be sufficient room for planting a hedge in accordance with the planning application. The Planning Adviser would investigate this and report back to the next meeting.

- (v) Councillor Dignum, on behalf of local residents, expressed thanks to the Planning Adviser for his swift response in addressing the issue of businesses in North and South Streets obstructing the highway with their display of goods. The Planning Adviser had contacted West Sussex Highways in this regard and it was noted that some, but not all, businesses had now complied with the removal of their displays.
- (vi) The Planning Adviser referred to the list of current enforcement cases identified in a District Council report to its Planning Committee appended to the Agenda.

52 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

List 38 (extract)
CC/14/02634/FUL
Precinct Chichester West Sussex
Provision of (A board replacement) business signage throughout Chichester city centre

The Chairman welcomed Mr Andrew Fynamore and Mrs Kim Long of the City Centre Partnership to the meeting.

The Planning Adviser introduced this item and drew the attention of the Committee to his report appended to the Agenda. He had hoped to give a visual presentation with the aid of a projector and screen but this was not now possible as the projector was not working.

He circulated a paper copy of the plans and read out the comments of the CAAC and Chichester Society.

Mrs Long gave a presentation to the Committee and explained the benefits of the introduction of the new signage throughout the City which, it was hoped, would be a welcome replacement for A Boards. She was supported by Mr Andrew Fynamore who showed an example of the “n rails”.

Mrs Long explained that the Town Clerk and Cllr Scicluna had been involved in the working group and invited questions from the Committee and a number of points were discussed including vetting of the signage, content and positioning.

**After discussion it was put to the vote and RESOLVED to raise No objection.
However, Councillors Plowman and Budge objected on the grounds of street clutter.**

53 CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT PLANNING OBLIGATIONS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (PUBLIC CONSULTATION FROM 19 SEPTEMBER TO 30 OCTOBER 2014).

The Planning Adviser had previously circulated a copy of the Chichester District Council Draft Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing Supplement document to members by email. He reminded the Committee of the Public Consultation deadline of 30 October 2014 and asked for comments to be forwarded to him.

RESOLVED to note the current situation.

54 REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE - EMAIL FROM PHILIP COLEMAN, MEMBER SERVICES MANAGER

The Committee noted the email from Philip Coleman, Members Services Manager, Chichester District Council, appended to the Agenda which gave details of the review of the Planning Committee at the District Council.

RESOLVED to note the current situation.

55 WHITE HOUSE FARM

Councillor Plowman updated the Committee on the proposed development of White House Farm following his recent attendance at a Public Exhibition. The Committee noted that a formal planning application would be received in due course at which the City Council would have the opportunity to make comments/recommendations.

RESOLVED to note the current situation.

56 LOCAL PLAN - UPDATE

Councillor Plowman said that it was important to address further the outcome of the Community Assets Report carried out in April 2013 by Richard Cole (Chairman of the Parklands Residents Association) prior to any further discussion on the Local Plan.

RESOLVED that the Chichester Community Assets project carried out by Richard Cole in April 2013 be discussed further at the next meeting of the Committee. An abridged version of the report would be appended to the agenda.

57 THE OLD PRIEST'S HOUSE

The Planning Adviser said that Dr Wightman (The Historic Buildings Adviser, Chichester District Council) was awaiting a further contact with the new owner.

58 CITY STREETSCAPE – REMOVING THE CLUTTER

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the “flag bracket holders” located on the former LK Bennett building and the HSBC Bank building which were considered to be unsightly. He said he would seek the advice of the Property Manager with a view to this item being referred to the Property Sub-Committee at a later date.

RESOLVED that this item be referred to the Property Manager.

59 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The minutes of the Planning Delegation Sub Committee meetings held on 24 September 2014 and 1 October 2014 having been previously circulated, were approved and adopted.

60 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

- Chichester Community Assets project

61 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19 November 2014 at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.