

## CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 5.30PM

- PRESENT : Councillors M Evans, Keyworth and Plowman
- EX OFFICIO : The Mayor (Councillor Bell)  
Deputy Mayor (Councillor Tupper)
- ALSO PRESENT : Councillor P Evans
- APOLOGIES : Councillors Dignum, Galloway, Kilby (Chairman) and Joy
- IN ATTENDANCE : Planning Adviser and Mayoral/Administrative Assistant
- ABSENT : Councillor Dempster

#### 107 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

As recorded above.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman (Councillor Keyworth) took the Chair.

#### 108 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2019 having been printed and circulated were signed by the Vice-Chairman as a correct record.

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

Councillor Plowman as a member of Chichester District Council and as a member of the Chichester Conservation Area Advisory Committee declared a Personal Interest

#### 110 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was noted that any matters arising from the previous minutes were included on the Agenda.

#### 111 PLANNING CONTRAVENTIONS

There were no items to report.

#### 112 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

There were no planning applications to report.

#### 113 MILLER HOMES AND LINDEN HOMES PROPOSALS FOR WHITEHOUSE FARM COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP - UPDATE FROM MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23 JANUARY 2019

Councillor Plowman had attended the meeting, the purpose of which was to view and discuss the proposals for both the first residential reserved matters applications for the site, and the reserved matters application for the sports pitches. Councillor Plowman updated the Committee and circulated to members the draft plans. A number of concerns had been expressed including, access,

car parking, sewage plant, however, the Committee were pleased to note that provision had been made for social housing.

It was noted that Linden Homes and Miller Homes had held a public exhibition to display their proposals on 31 January 2019 prior to submitting their applications in Spring 2019.

It was RESOLVED to note the current situation.

#### 114 LOCAL BUILDINGS LIST – HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST

The Planning Adviser, with the aid of a visual presentation, gave an overview of the sites on the Local Buildings List in the centre of the city. No changes to the Local Buildings List in this area were proposed.

#### 115 CONSULTATION ON PROTECTING AND ENHANCING ENGLAND'S TREES AND WOODLANDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA)

The Planning Adviser outlined the consultation, including the four proposals within the document:

- (i) Duty to consult on the felling of trees
- (ii) Duty to report on the felling and re-planting
- (iii) Production of best practice guidance for the preparation of a Tree and Woodland Strategy.
- (iv) Increased powers to the Forestry Commission

Whilst members generally supported the principle of some further protection of trees, and particularly street trees, it was not considered that the duty to consult or to report would actually give any protection, rather they would just introduce a further bureaucratic process. It was noted that there were no targets, restrictions or consequences proposed for the felling of Local Authority owned trees, and that it would still be open to the Authority to fell a tree regardless of the outcome of any consultation. It was considered that the consultation should be a one-step process. Narrowing the consultation process only to trigger a further consultation process, neither of which would be capable of protecting the tree or stopping the felling was considered the least effective and most time-consuming consultation option.

#### 116 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Minutes of the Planning Delegation Sub-Committee meeting held on 29 January 2019 having been previously circulated were approved and adopted.

#### 117 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

- Road Space Audit – West Sussex County Council Consultation
- WSCC Sustainable Transport meeting – Councillor to update the Committee
- Chichester Growth Deal – WSCC to be invited to update the Committee

#### 118 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6 March 2019 at 5.30pm.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm