

Minutes of a Plans Assessment Committee meeting held on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 9.30am at the Parish Centre, Gerald's Way

In the Chair: Cllr Morris-Wyatt

Present: Cllrs Beioley, Humberstone, Lee, Pearson, Taylor and Trinder

In Attendance: Deputy Clerk

PAC 01/15.05.25 - TO ELECT A CHAIR - Cllr Pearson proposed “**Cllr Morris-Wyatt as Chair of the Plans Assessment Committee**”. This was seconded by Cllr Lee and unanimously agreed.

PAC 02/15.05.25 - TO ELECT A VICE CHAIR - Cllr Morris-Wyatt proposed “**Cllr Pearson as Vice Chair of the Plans Assessment Committee**”. This was seconded by Cllr Trinder and unanimously agreed.

PAC 03/15.05.25 - APOLOGIES – None

PAC 04/15.05.25 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

PAC 05/15.05.25 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

PAC 06/15.05.25 - MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – Cllr Trinder proposed “**we approve the minutes of the 24th April 2025**” This was seconded by Cllr. Lee with two abstentions.

PAC 07/15.05.25 - MATTERS ARISING – None

PAC 08/15.05.25 - CORRESPONDENCE – None

PAC 09/15.05.25 - ANY RESULTS FROM SDC ON PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS –

Consent: S.25/0438/HHOLD & S.25/0610/TCA 1a, Belle Vue Terrace (Supports the plan, subject to the arboricultural impact assessment recommended by the Tree Officer)

Permitted: S.24/0386/HHOLD Xanadu (Although the Parish Council supports the plan, the Parish Council does not normally support the use of timber cladding in a conservation area. In this instance, the council supports the plans for the following reasons, it unifies the building with a natural slate roof and a natural stone wall.)

PAC 10/15.05.25 - NEW PLANS

S.25/0580/HHOLD Naomi, Bussage - Partial conversion and alterations to existing garage.
Cllr Trinder proposed “**we support plan 1727**” This was seconded by Cllr Beioley and unanimously agreed.

S.25/0626/FUL Land adjacent to 6, Velhurst Drive, Brownhill - Erection of a new dwelling including new access. Cllr Morris-Wyatt proposed “**we support plan 1728 and are aware that it is in Cotswold Beechwood and Rodborough Common Special Areas of Conservation (SAC). We believe a contribution may be required.**” This was seconded by Cllr Lee with one objection.

S.25/0737/TPO 5, Squires Close, Bussage - TPO/0456 Scots Pine - One torn, dead limb to be removed from canopy. 1-2 metre crown reduction on Western side, 1-2 metre End tip weight reduction on Northern side. Minor tip weight. Minor crown thin throughout. Cllr Lee proposed “**we support plan 1729**” This was seconded by Cllr Trinder and unanimously agreed.

S.25/0743/HHOLD France Cottage, Marle Hill, Chalford – Erection of a rear extension, associated landscaping works and new doorway. Cllr. Trinder proposed “**we support plan 1730**”. This was seconded by Cllr Humberstone and unanimously agreed.

- S.25/0762/TCA** **Dei Gratia, Silver Street, Chalford - Yew tree - Reduce the height down to approximately 8.0m. Reduce the spread back from the neighbours to near the boundary. Reduce all remaining spread where necessary.** Cllr Lee proposed “**we support plan 1731**” This was seconded by Cllr Pearson and unanimously agreed.
- S.25/0776/TCA** **Well Cottage, Burcombe Road, Chalford – Sycamore tree - crown reduction by 3.5-4 metres and removal of ivy.** Cllr Beioley proposed “**we support plan 1732**” This was seconded by Cllr Pearson and unanimously agreed.
- S.25/0403/LBC** **Duke of York, Chalford Hill – Internal alterations and renovations.** Cllr Trinder proposed “**we support plan 1733**” This was seconded by Cllr Pearson and unanimously agreed.
- S.25/0835/TCA** **Burstones, Midway, Chalford Hill – T1 Ornamental Cherry Tree - to be reduced by 50% all over.** Cllr Beioley proposed “**no objection to plan 1734 of pruning the tree but feel that 50% is too drastic given its prominent position.**” This was seconded by Cllr Lee and unanimously agreed.
- S.25/0819/TCA** **The Ridge, Burcombe Road, Chalford Hill – T1 Yew - Reduce lateral branches on westerly side on canopy away from property by 2m.** Cllr Pearson proposed “**we support plan 1735 but suggest that the other side of the tree is trimmed to provide balance and symmetry**” This was seconded by Cllr Humberstone and unanimously agreed.

PAC 11/15.05.25 - To review any other planning matters not covered by agenda items – None

PAC 12/15.05.25 – To note any items for information or referral only – The Deputy Clerk informed the Planning Committee that Cllr Watson had called into the office yesterday with updates regarding Enforcement now being fully staffed, looking to restore confidence in the service with linking more with other departments and providing training for staff.

She is going to record a query regarding Sycamore Grove to see if the hedge decision can be reverted as an unenforceable planning error.

No action is being taken on the Red Lion as it still a mothballed pub with separate residence above. Cllrs are not sure that this is correct and would like the Deputy Clerk to look into this. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

The Deputy Clerk updated the Committee on the previously discussed area of land that is deemed an area of scientific interest with a reply from Rebecca Charley at SDC. Removing or cutting of hedgerows during the months of March to August is a criminal offense under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997 and the Wildlife Countryside Act 1981, which can involve fines, potential imprisonment and replant removed hedgerows. A suggestion is for photos to be gathered and notify Enforcement and Police Wildlife Officer. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

The Planning Committee was informed on posts being installed on the wooded area of land opposite Fourways Garage where residents are raising concerns regarding sight lines and our groundsmen may not be able to keep the grass cut. Bisley with Lypiatt are also aware of this and it is in their parish and trying to find out who the owner is. Highways have confirmed that sight lines are not under their jurisdiction but do not see a problem.

Cllrs asked if updates could be requested from Enforcement on all open cases ready for next meeting. **Action: Deputy Clerk.**

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 5th June 2025 at 9.30am. There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 10.50am.