

Minutes of a Plans Assessment Committee meeting held on Thursday 10th August 2023 at 9.30am
at the Parish Centre, Gerald's Way

In the Chair: Cllr Morris-Wyatt

Present: Cllrs Beioley, Lee, Pearson, Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs L Taylor, Trinder

PAC 01.10.08.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

PAC 02.10.08.23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

PAC 03.10.08.23 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – Cllr Beioley proposed “**we approve the minutes of the 20th July 2023**” This was seconded by Cllr Pearson and unanimously agreed.

PAC 04.10.08.23 MATTERS ARISING – The Deputy Clerk has asked SDC for clarification about the removal of Cotswold stone walls within the conservation area. No response to date.

PAC 05.10.08.23 REFERRALS – None

PAC 06 10.08.23 CORRESPONDENCE – A letter was received from a resident concerning some trees which he feels require a TPO imposing. The Committee were furnished with a copy of the residents' letter for their consideration prior to the meeting. The Parish Council are not responsible for imposing TPOs, it is Stroud District Council who handle such matters. It was agreed to respond to the resident thanking them for bringing this matter to our attention, to advise of the process and refer them to Stroud District Council who will be able to assist. Should Stroud District Council decide to cover these trees with a TPO the PC will be made aware. **Action: Clerk**

PAC 07.16.03.23 RESULTS – S.23/1051/FUL The Limes. The PAC supported this application, SDC have refused planning permission. The Committee were slightly surprised that this application was refused by and feel that this confirms the need for further clarity and guidance as to when and where solar panels are deemed to be acceptable. This has been requested but the guidance is vague. The Committee would like this to be followed up again. **Action: Clerk**

PAC 10.16.03.23 NEW PLANS

1555 S.23/1450/VAR Valley Cottage, High Street, Chalford - Variation of condition S.22/0447/HHOLD Cllr Pearson proposed “**we support plan 1555**” This was seconded by Cllr Beioley and unanimously agreed.

1556 S.23/1467/HHOLD Highgate, The Ridge, Bussage - Erection of a single storey to rear extension. Cllr Beioley proposed “**we support plan 1556**” This was seconded by Cllr Lee and unanimously agreed.

1557 S.23/1515/TCA Sycamore Ridge, Brownhill Road - T1 Sycamore – fell to ground level. Cllr Lee proposed “**we support plan 1557**” This was seconded by Cllr Pearson and unanimously agreed.

1558 S.23/1514/TPO Sycamore Ridge, Brownhill Road - T1 2,3,4 Sycamore – reduction of southerly side of canopy by 2.5-3m. Cllr Lee proposed “**we support plan 1558**” This was seconded by Cllr Pearson and unanimously agreed.

1559 S.23/1526/VAR Thomas Keble School – Variation of condition 2 to vary shipping containers details from approved application S.23/0188/VAR. The Committee were surprised to see shipping containers being used for storage purposes as they are entirely inappropriate for long term storage. We note that the second container is already on site and is larger than is detailed on the drawing. If there is no alternative, then the hedge should be planted all the way around the container. The informative states that there should be many more trees, yet only 3 are detailed on this plan. Cllr Morris-Wyatt proposed “**we support plan 1559 but should make the Case Officer aware of our comments as listed above**” This was seconded by Cllr

Lee and unanimously agreed. Cllr Pearson had declared an interest, he therefore stepped away from the discussion and did not vote.

PAC 10.16.03.23 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Morris-Wyatt advised the Committee that the Clerk is currently in the process of applying for planning permission for some tree works in Frith Wood. The work is required due to squirrel damage. The Committee discussed methods of controlling squirrels as this is a nationwide problem, but investigations into kinder methods of control are still underway.

Cllr Pearson raised concern at the number of shops which have or are due to close within Stroud town centre. The Committee shared his concerns. It was agreed to contact District Cllr Watson to ask for further information about what is/can be done to support businesses. **Action: Clerk**

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 31st August at 9.30am. There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 10.14am