

Minutes of the Handforth Parish Council
Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on
Wednesday 1st April 2015 at 2:00pm, The Youth Centre, Old
Road, Handforth.

Present: Cllr Chapman (from item 15/08/6)

Cllr Fox

Cllr Thompson

Cllr Tolver

Also present Mr J Brooks, Parish Clerk and fourteen members of the public.

15/08/1 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Scott.

15/08/2 To note declarations of Members' Interests- none.

15/08/3 Open Forum- No comment and questions were received from members of the public other than to confirm that there were members of the Handforth Community War Memorial Committee present, if the councillors wished to ask them questions about their application.

15/08/4 To approve the minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting of the 11th March 2015.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that the minutes of the 11th March be approved and signed.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/08/5 To consider planning application 15/0772M, land adjacent to Coppice Way.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that this application be deferred until the next planning meeting, to give councillors more time to study the plans.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/08/6 To consider planning application 15/1068M, 23 Hampson Crescent, Handforth.

Cllr Fox proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that this application be supported.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/08/7

To consider planning application 15/0807M, grass verge adjacent to Wilmslow Road, Handforth.

Cllr Thompson reminded the meeting that Handforth PC had contacted residents of Wilmslow Road by letter, stating that the proposed memorial would not be higher than the existing hedge. As the current application is for a memorial significantly higher than the hedge, he felt that he could not support the proposals. Cllr Tolver stated that there was some doubt as to whether the site adjacent to Wilmslow road was 'green belt' land. Cllr Fox confirmed that it was the Chief Planning Officer Mr Fisher who had informed Handforth PC that the site was in the 'green belt'. Cllr Tolver stated that even if this proposed development was in the 'green belt' it should be considered 'exceptional circumstances' and asked that the applicants make these circumstances known to Cheshire East Council.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Chapman that this application be opposed on the basis of its height and the possibility that it was in the green belt.

Motion tied: two for and two against.

Cllr Fox proposed, seconded by Cllr Tolver that the application be supported provided that the memorial did not exceed 3.3 metres in height.

Motion Carried: 3 for, Cllr Thompson voting against.

15/08/8

To consider planning application 15/1170M, 21 Henbury Road, Handforth.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that this application be supported, subject to councillors expressing concern about the means of escape in case of fire from the upper floors.

Resolved: unanimously.

15/08/9

To consider planning application 15/0061M, 27 Marlow Drive, Handforth.

Cllr Thompson proposed, seconded by Cllr Fox that this application be supported.

Resolved: unanimously.

Chair.....

15/08/10 To consider planning application 15/1197M, 37 Hill Drive, Handforth.

Cllr Tolver proposed, seconded by Cllr Thompson that his application be opposed on the following grounds.

The height of the proposed development and its proximity to 35 Hill Drive, also the loss of light to adjoining properties.

Resolved: unanimously.

The meeting closed at 2:28 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....