



Minutes of the meeting of Handforth Parish Council
Planning and Environment Committee held on Thursday 02nd
August at 10:00am, The Youth Centre, Old Road, Handforth.

Present: Cllr Samson
Cllr Smith
Cllr Sullivan (Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee)

Two members of the public.
Also present Mr Comiskey Dawson Parish Clerk.

18/21/1 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

18/21/2 To note Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation to discuss, or discuss and vote on a matter in which a Member or co-opted Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest (DPI).

Cllr Smith declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 18/21/5 and will not vote on the item.

18/21/3 Open Forum- Comment and questions concerning items on this agenda may be put to the Council by the public during this period. Matters which, in the Chairman's view require debate and/or a discussion will be referred to the next Committee/Council meeting, as appropriate. The Public Forum is restricted to 15 minutes, unless the Chairman allows otherwise.

A resident addressed the Parish Council and noted their comments on item 18/21/6 as follows: I am concerned about treatment of the site boundary where it abuts the public footpath in Hall Road. The submitted plan does not give a clear indication of the materials to be used. The use of 1.8m vertical bar metal fencing (as indicated elsewhere on the site) would present homeowners in Old Hall Crescent and Wadsworth Close with a vista reminiscent of a prison camp. I suggest that Jones Homes should provide good quality

boundary treatment at this point - in the form of a brickwork wall with inset railings (boundary treatment Type E as indicated in the preceding application 17/3276M). This would improve the vista for home owners in Old Hall Crescent and Wadsworth Close and to some extent compensate them for the noise, dust and vibration (sufficient to rattle kitchen utensils) that they have so far endured. Local residents also feel that there has been excessive tree felling on the boundary with Hall Road. A programme of tree replacement should be carried out to screen homes in Old Hall Crescent and Wadsworth Close from the buildings of the Care Village. This would bring the site more closely into agreement with the Tree Protection Plan presented in the preceding application (17/3276M).

I should like to take this opportunity to re-iterate that a street lamp should be installed on the diverted portion of footpath 91 – at the point where the path turns eastward from the grounds of Handforth Hall. At its northern and southern ends the diverted footpath should be fitted with barriers to prevent its use by motorcyclists. The northern end of the path should be fitted with traps to prevent shopping trolleys being pushed to Hall Road and then abandoned. At the Hall Road end of footpath 91 (now a combined cycleway and footpath) the width is 2.9m but this tapers to 1.6m as the path passes through the environmental barrier*. This represents something of a future bottleneck for cyclists and pedestrians. Therefore the width of the cycle track/footpath should be increased to 2.9m right up to its junction with Coppice Way. If not already present, a drop kerb should be provided on Coppice Way for cyclists' use. (*I am aware that land from this point to Coppice Way may not be in the ownership of Jones Homes.)

18/21/4 To approve the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting of the 19th July 2018.

Cllr Smith proposed, seconded by Cllr Samson to approve the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting of the 19th July 2018.

Resolved: Unanimously.

18/21/5 To consider planning application 18/3370M, Proposed single storey extension to form toilet/ welfare facility. Handforth Health Centre, Wilmslow Road, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

Motion carried: Two in favour and one abstention.

18/21/6 To consider planning application 18/3390M, Reserved matters application for landscaping, following outline approval on application 17/3276M. Land off Coppice Way, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application but would like the following comments noted:

HPC are concerned about treatment of the site boundary where it abuts the public footpath in Hall Road. The submitted plan does not give a clear indication of the materials to be used, HPC recommend using suitable materials to complement the existing homes along Hall Road.

The parish council and local residents also feel that there has been excessive tree felling on the boundary with Hall Road. A programme of tree replacement should be carried out to screen homes in Old Hall Crescent and Wadsworth Close from the buildings of the Care Village. This would bring the site more closely into agreement with the Tree Protection Plan presented in the preceding application (17/3276M). Although the applicant has stated enough light will emanate from the Care Home the Parish Council still recommend installing 1x column streetlight at the location of the bend in the footpath, along with this recommendation the parish council also recommend the installation of a shopping trolley trap at the entrance to the footpath on the Coppice Way entrance.

It has been noted that at the narrowest point of the footpath the cross section of the combined pedestrian/ cycleway reduces to 1.6 meters in width and HPC recommend taking action to remedy this "bottleneck" in the footpath.

Resolved: Unanimously.

18/21/7 To consider planning application 18/3514M, Proposed front and rear single storey extensions and associated alterations. 31 Knowle Park, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

Resolved: unanimously.

18/21/8 To consider planning application 18/3155M, Removal of window & wall beneath sill to right hand gable end and installation of a new entrance / exit door and formation of a new beer garden with wall hung retractable canopy awning. 88 Wilmslow Road, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application. Noted that Policy H5a of the recently adopted Handforth Neighbourhood Plan is supportive of the use of the current site as a public house and notes that the building is a none designated heritage asset.

Resolved: unanimously.

18/21/9 To consider planning application 18/3671M, 2 No. Fascia Sign; 1 No. Projection Sign and 5 No. Poster Case Amenity Boards. 88 Wilmslow Road, Handforth.

The Parish Council have no objection to the application.

Resolved: unanimously.

18/21/10 Notices and Correspondence

The clerk noted that a copy of the Wilmslow neighbourhood plan has been sent to the committee for review. The council was of a consensus that a note of support be submitted to their Regulation 14 consultation.

The meeting closed at 10:29am.

Ashley Comiskey Dawson CiLCA
Clerk to Handforth Parish Council
02nd August 2018