

Planning Committee (North)
2 AUGUST 2022

Present: Councillors: John Milne (Chairman), Clive Trott (Vice-Chairman), Matthew Allen, Tony Bevis, Toni Bradnum, Alan Britten, Karen Burgess, Peter Burgess, Christine Costin, Ruth Fletcher, Billy Greening, Liz Kitchen, Lynn Lambert, Tim Lloyd, Colin Minto, Louise Potter, Sam Raby, David Skipp, Ian Stannard, Claire Vickers, Belinda Walters and Tricia Youtan

Apologies: Councillors: Andrew Baldwin, Martin Boffey, Tony Hogben, Richard Landeryou, Gordon Lindsay, Christian Mitchell, Jon Olson and Stuart Ritchie

PCN/1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor John Milne be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

PCN/2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Clive Trott be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

PCN/3 **TO APPROVE THE TIMING OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR**

It was proposed and seconded that Planning Committee North meet at 2.30 pm for the ensuing municipal year.

In accordance with Rule 4a.31 (d) of the Council's Constitution, it was requested that the voting in respect of the proposal to change the meeting time to 2.30 pm should be recorded.

The voting was as follows:

FOR THE MOTION:

Councillors: Toni Bradnum, Alan Britten, Karen Burgess, Billy Greening, Lynn Lambert, Tim Lloyd, Claire Vickers and Tricia Youtan.

AGAINST THE MOTION:

Councillors: Matthew Allen, Tony Bevis, Christine Costin, Ruth Fletcher, John Milne, Colin Minto, Louise Potter, Sam Raby, David Skipp, Clive Trott and Belinda Walters.

ABSTAINED:

Councillors: Peter Burgess, Liz Kitchen and Ian Stannard.

ABSENT:

Councillors: Andrew Baldwin, Martin Boffey, Tony Hogben, Richard Landeryou, Gordon Lindsay, Christian Mitchell, Jon Olson and Stuart Ritchie.

The motion was therefore declared LOST.

It was proposed and seconded that Planning Committee North would remain meeting at 5.30 pm.

This motion was CARRIED.

RESOLVED

That meetings of Planning North Committee meet at 5.30 pm for the ensuing municipal year.

PCN/4 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PCN/5 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

PCN/6 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

PCN/7 **APPEALS**

The list of appeals lodged, appeals in progress and appeal decisions, as circulated were noted.

PCN/8 **DC/22/0967 HORSHAM SKATE PARK, HORSHAM PARK, NORTH STREET, HORSHAM**

The Head of Development & Building Control reported that this application sought permission for the demolition of the existing skate park and the construction of a new concrete skate park facility.

The proposed development would be slightly re-aligned to the south and would be built in concrete with some tarmac areas. The proposal would incorporate a BMX flow, impact street area, creative skate plaza and classic skateboard park elements. Existing lighting would be retained, with seating provided. A temporary construction access was proposed to be accessed from North Street, Horsham.

The application site is located in Horsham Park, within the built-up area of Horsham. The existing skate park was very worn and generally unsuitable for use.

Since the publication of the report an Arboricultural Impact Assessment had been submitted regarding the temporary access track and impact on tree root protection.

It was reported that track mats and wood chips would be laid to distribute weight from construction vehicles and tree stem roots would be boxed for protection. It was recommended that condition 3 be updated to a regulatory condition to ensure the works were carried out as stated in the impact assessment.

Members noted the planning history of this application.

The Parish Council raised no objection and no letters of representation had been received.

Members were concerned that sufficient tree protection was put in place whilst the construction work was taking place. It was advised the Arboricultural Officer had considered plans closely, reviewed concerns and protection proposals were acceptable.

Members considered the consultees' responses and officer's planning assessment which included the following key issues: principle of development, design and appearance, amenity and highways impact and water neutrality.

Concerns were also raised over suitable CCTV cameras and lighting in the new skate park. Members felt that Sussex Police should be involved in any consultation regarding CCTV provision to gain clarity on suitable locations and monitoring.

RESOLVED

That application DC/22/0967 be delegated to the Head of Development & Building Control for approval subject to consultation with Sussex Police on the provision of CCTV and lighting.

PCN/9 **DC/21/2474 81 TERN AVENUE, HORSHAM**

The Head of Development & Building Control reported that this application sought permission for the partial conversion of the existing garage to form a home office including replacing the garage door with double doors.

The application site comprised a detached house occupying a corner plot on the north side of Tern Avenue in the built up area of Horsham. The house faces a wooded area to the east and includes a semi-detached garage with a pitched roof.

The Parish Council did not object to the application.

Members considered the consultees' responses and officer's planning assessment which included the following key issues: principle of development, design and appearance, parking, impact on neighbouring amenity and water neutrality.

RESOLVED

That planning application DC/21/2474 be approved subject to conditions stated in the report.

PCN/10 **DC/22/0897 C AND H FABRICS LTD, 7 WEST STREET, HORSHAM**

The Head of Development & Building Control reported that this application sought permission for the replacement of 2 existing sets of double entrance doors with a single set of double entrance doors and alterations and repairs to the shopfront façade.

Improvements to wheelchair access were proposed through the main entrance on the ground floor and to the rear of the building.

The application site was an existing commercial premises located on the southern side of the pedestrianised West Street within the town centre and built up area of Horsham. The site is also within Horsham Conservation Area. West Street consists of a mixture of different shop front designs and colours.

The Neighbourhood Council did not object to the proposal.

Members were pleased that the retail unit would be utilised again and expressed the importance of improving wheelchair access within shops.

Members considered the consultees' responses and officer's planning assessment which included: character and appearance, impact on conservation area, impact on neighbouring amenity and water neutrality.

RESOLVED

That application DC/22/0897 be approved subject to the conditions outlined in the report.

The meeting closed at 6.30 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm

CHAIRMAN