

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Present: Chairman: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Stevens  
Town Mayor: Councillor Corbett

Councillors:	Bridewell	Burton	East
	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders	Greenwood
	Hopkins	Hoult	Oliver
	Ormerod	Pennington	Rose
	Wallis	Wooldridge	

Officers: Simon Fisher, Town Clerk  
Jan Rendle, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: Two

### **62. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 had been circulated to all Members. Minute number 23 was amended to read 'size' rather than 'site'. The minutes were then confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Gay, Brown, Nash, Hunter and Britten.

### **64. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Wallis declared an interest in item 66, as a member of Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Regulatory Planning Committee, and also a non-pecuniary interest in plan number PL/2022/03852 as the Deputy Chairman of Devizes Conservative Association, of which Mr James Mayes is the Hon Treasurer.

It was noted that the applicants of PL/2022/03852 (Mayes) and PL/2022/03996 (Jacobs) were known to all Council members, being Wiltshire Councillors, but there was no pecuniary interest for any member of Devizes Town Council and therefore no conflict of interest.

Councillor Greenwood noted a non-pecuniary interest in planning application PL/2022/03632, as he knows the applicant.

### **65. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were two members of the public present; neither wished to address the meeting.

**66. FOR DECISION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL’S NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

PL/2022/03051 - No objection  
PL/2022/04087 - No objection  
PL/2022/03052 - No objection  
PL/2022/03416 - No objection  
PL/2022/03458 - No objection  
PL/2022/03632 - No objection

PL/2022/03672 - It was proposed by Councillor Ormerod, seconded by Councillor Greenwood and AGREED

THAT the Committee objected to the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the residential use of land and buildings at Dunkirk Hill Farm, firstly because this represented the second instance within the past year in which Wiltshire Council was considering ‘nodding through’ approval of the use of a building in open countryside for housing after having failed for several years to take action on its improper use; and secondly because the wording of the proposal was incorrect and therefore the legality of any Certificate of Lawfulness would be in doubt unless it were amended and correctly phrased.

Councillor Wallis further agreed to discuss the situation with the relevant Planning officer and to call in the application if appropriate.

PL/2022/03846 - No objection  
PL/2022/03852 - No objection  
PL/2022/03973 - No objection  
PL/2022/03996 - No objection  
PL/2022/04003 - No objection  
PL/2022/04072 - No objection.

**67. FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL’S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED**

The committee received and noted the report. Concern was again expressed that planning objections raised by Devizes Planning Committee were being disregarded by Wiltshire Council and officers were asked to pursue this with Wiltshire Council’s Planning Department. Councillor Wallis confirmed that he was prepared to discuss any potentially contentious plans with officers in the first instance and then call in such applications if necessary.

**68. QUESTION TIME**

Councillor Giraud-Saunders raised again the question of defective road material being used on South Gloucestershire's roads and whether Wiltshire Council had confirmed a corresponding problem in Wiltshire. Councillor Wallis had received a detailed response to his query on this matter but suggested that this could be better addressed if deferred to the Planning meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022, when both the Head of Local Highways (Chris Clark) and the Cabinet member for Transport, Waste, Street Scene and Flooding (Cllr Dr Mark McClelland) would be in attendance to discuss members' concerns about Devizes' roads.

The Town Clerk suggested that members forward to him details of any questions to be raised at that meeting, to ensure that the representatives of Wiltshire Council are able to respond meaningfully to the issues raised.

Councillor Wallis asked if the Committee would do the same for Devizes Unitary members' questions, as the required information was not always available without prior notice.

CHAIRMAN