

PLANNING COMMITTEE

20th February 2024

Present: Chairman: Councillor Hopkins
Town Mayor: Councillor Stevens

Councillors:	Bridewell	Britten	Brown
	Corbett	East	Gay
	Geddes	Greenwood	Hopkins
	Hoult	Oliver	Ormerod
	Pennington	Rose	Tanner

Officers: Elanor Oddy, Office Manager
Jan Rendle, Committee Administrator

Members of the Public: Two, and an invited guest.

440. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th February 2024, having been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

441. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Hunter, Nash, Wallis and Wooldridge.

442. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

443. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Philip Wilkinson OBE, Police & Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire attended at the Town Council's request, and there were two members of the public present.

444. FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Mr Wilkinson gave a comprehensive presentation to members on the significant changes he had initiated to improve what had been a poorly performing police force. A new Chief Constable and senior management team and an overhaul of the staffing framework was bringing significant improvements across all his stated priority areas: a better policing service; an increased prosecution rate for serious crimes; action on residents' concerns (including speeding and rural crime); and the provision of better support to victims of crime.

Amongst other questions, members mentioned the Town Council's 4-Youth initiative to reduce antisocial behaviour, and welcomed the news that the PCC had requested a mapping exercise to identify the youth work being carried out by the many different groups throughout the county, with a view to ensuring some co-ordination and better use of available funding.

Mr Wilkinson also agreed to explore the possibility of the police 'dialling in' to the town's CCTV if necessary, to see what was happening locally. He was thanked by the Chairman and members for providing a very informative summary of his role and priorities, and left the meeting.

445. FOR DECISION – PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- PL/2024/00703 - No objection
- PL/2024/00924 - No objection
- PL/2024/01192 - It was proposed by Councillor Greenwood, seconded by Councillor Ormerod and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Committee had no objection to the application, but requested that the area is replanted with suitable alternative species to ensure the integrity of the site is retained, being part of the old Southbroom Estate.

446. FOR INFORMATION – WILTSHIRE COUNCIL'S NOTICE OF PLANS GRANTED OR REFUSED

The report was received and noted.

447. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

CHAIRMAN