

THAME TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 7 July 2015 at 6.30pm In the Upper Chamber, Thame Town Hall.

Present: Cllrs B Austin, D Bretherton (Deputy Chairman), P Cowell, D Dodds, L Emery (Deputy Mayor), H Fickling (Chairman), A Midwinter, M Stiles and T Wyse
Officers
G Hunt, Town Clerk
A Oughton, Committee Services Officer

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dixon (unwell). Cllr Deacock (no apology).

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Public Participation

Mr Dolan, architect spoke for the planning application P15/S1155/FUL, Regency Cottage, 14 Aylesbury Road. In 2005 a planning application was submitted for a house to be built on the site, at the time the Town Council recommended approval but the District Council refused the application. It was taken to Appeal and dismissed as the plot size was inadequate for the size of the proposed dwelling and it was considered that the access, sited alongside the boundary of 14 Aylesbury Road, would be harmful to the living condition of the occupiers due to vehicle noise and disturbance.

The applicant had noted that two new dwellings had been built in the garden of the 'Dolphins' further along Aylesbury Road and this combined with the District Council's view toward windfall sites had decided to submit the current application. The access had moved to the north side of Regency Cottage and the proposed dwelling was reduced in size. The amendments showed a larger plot size, the movement of the dwelling away from the boundary of properties in Lashlake Road, a separate garage and a reduction in the ridge height.

4 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 Planning Applications

9475 REGENCY COTTAGE, 14 AYLESBURY ROAD P15/S1155/FUL Amendment No.1

Part single storey and part two storey dwelling with garage on land to rear of Regency Cottage, 14 Aylesbury Road, Thame. (As amended by plans received 2015-06-09 to reduce the bulk of the proposal and re-position the garage accommodation).

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Neighbourhood Plan Policies: H5, ESDQ15, ESDQ16, ESDQ20, ESDQ21, ESDQ26, ESDQ27, ESDQ28, ESDQ29, D1

SODC Local Plan Policies: CON5, CON7, D1, D2, D4, T1, T2
Core Strategy Policies: CSQ2, CSQ3, CSEN3

9492
P15/S1940/HH

59 WELLINGTON STREET

Single storey side extension and rendering of existing walls.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Neighbourhood Plan Policies: ESDQ16, ESDQ28

SODC Local Plan Policies: D1, H13

Core Strategy Policies: CSQ3

9494
P15/S2035/A

6 CORNMARKET

Erection of replacement fascia signage.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Subject to no objection from the District Conservation Officer

Comment: It was noted that a planning application for change of use had yet to be submitted.

Neighbourhood Plan Policies: WS2, WS7, ESDQ15, ESDQ16, ESDQ17, ESDQ20

SODC Local Plan Policies: CON7, CON8, D1, AD1

Core Strategy Policies: CSQ3, CSEM1, CSEM4, CST1, CSEN3

9495
P15/S1912/HH

68 WELLINGTON STREET

Proposed single storey front extension and replace garage door with window.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Neighbourhood Plan Policies: ESDQ16, ESDQ17, ESDQ19, ESDQ28, ESDQ29

SODC Local Plan Policies: D1, D2, D4, H13, T1, T2

Core Strategy Policies: CSQ3, CSEN3

6 Public Consultation – Bus Services

It was agreed that the formulation of any response to the Public consultation on proposed changes to subsidised bus services and to the Dial a Ride service in Oxfordshire would be delegated to the Town Clerk, who would call a meeting for anyone who wished to attend and / or individual Members to provide written input to that meeting, for discussion.

7 Street Name

After discussion it was agreed that the following names, for streets on the development on land north of Oxford Road, be submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council for consideration: Henge, Roman, Saxon, Drovers, Weavers, Samian, Mercian and Offa.

8 Footpath Name

The District Council had received a request to name an existing footpath on Lea Park 'Megan's Walk' in memory of a young resident of the Town, Megan Biddle.

RESOLVED that:

- i) *An existing footpath on Lea Park, as identified on the map, be named 'Megan's Walk'.***

9 Reports from Town Council Representatives

- a) Transport Representative – Cllr Stiles presented a summary report of the meeting of Parish Transport Representatives (PTR) held on 17 June 2015. Cllr Stiles drew particular attention to the point regarding a previous agreement with Oxfordshire County Council to provide bus stops in Howland Road which subsequently had not taken place and requested an investigation into the possibility of resurrecting the plan.

Regarding the Public meetings to discuss the bus consultation, several PTRs had raised concern that no provision had been made for a meeting in the Eastern part of the County. It was agreed to contact the Oxford Rural Community Council to explore the possibility of a meeting to be held in Thame in early September.

10 For Information

The items for information were noted.

Regarding point d) Charter House, 14 Wellington Street, the Chairman had spoken against the planning application at the District Planning meeting. However, after discussion the Committee followed the Officer recommendation and voted to grant planning permission.

The meeting concluded at 7.30pm

Signed
Chairman, 28 July 2015