

THAME TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 10 June 2014 at 6.30pm In the Upper Chamber, Thame Town Hall.

Present: Cllrs N Champken-Woods, A Dite, N Dixon (Deputy Mayor), D Dodds, H Fickling (Chairman), V Humphries, D Laver, J Matelot Green (Town Mayor), M Stiles and M Welply (Deputy Chairman)

Officers

A Oughton, Committee Services Officer
H Stewart, Town Clerk

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Butler (Personal).

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Fickling declared an interest in item 9324 P14/S1515/FUL as the applicant was known to her.

3 Public Participation

The applicant, spoke in support of planning application P14/S1515/FUL. It was considered that the new dwelling and its setting would not detract from Elm Tree Farmhouse as a listed building and the design would compliment other dwellings in the area. In pre application advice received from the District Planning Officer the plot was considered as infill development and therefore would be acceptable.

4 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 Planning Applications

9318 STARBANK HOUSE, 23 HIGH STREET
P14/S1363/HH Increased width of opening for erection of hardwood vertically-boarded gates and posts. Hard standing to be with loose stone finish yet to be laid to match that of drive outside site.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Neighbourhood Plan Policies: ESDQ15, ESDQ16, ESDQ20, ESDQ28, ESDQ 29

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9319
P14/S1404/LB

TOWN HALL, HIGH STREET

Repair, strengthening and re-building of arched head to windows 39 & 44.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Neighbourhood Plan Policies: WS2, WS13, ESDQ15, ESDQ16, ESDQ17, ESDQ19, ESDQ20

SODC Local Plan Policies: CON3, CON5, CON7, D1
Core Strategy Policies: CSQ3, CSEN3

9323
P14/S1494/HH

BARN COTTAGE, 31 LOWER HIGH STREET

Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension and conversion of existing workshop to home office.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Neighbourhood Plan Policies: ESDQ15, ESDQ16, ESDQ17, ESDQ20, ESDQ29

SODC Local Plan Policies: CON5, CON7, D1, H13
Core Strategy Policies: CSQ3, CSEN3

9324
P14/S1515/FUL

ELM TREE FARMHOUSE, MORETON

Erection of new three bedroom dwelling and amenity space, on land between Elm Tree Farmhouse and Four Seasons, Moreton

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Neighbourhood Plan Policies: H7, GA3, GA6, CLW4, ESDQ10, ESDQ11, ESDQ12, ESDQ13, ESDQ14, ESDQ15, ESDQ16, ESDQ18, ESDQ19, ESDQ20, ESDQ21, ESDQ22, ESDQ26, ESDQ27, ESDQ28, ESDQ29, D1

SODC Local Plan Policies: CON5 CON7, D1, D2, D4, T1 T2
Core Strategy Policies: CS1, CSR1, CSQ2, CSQ3, CS11, CSEN1, CSEN3

9325
P14/S1599/HH

19 HAMPDEN AVENUE

Erection of part two storey part single storey rear extension.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Neighbourhood Plan Policies: ESDQ16, ESDQ28, ESDQ29

SODC Local Plan Policies: D1, H13
Core Strategy Policies: CSQ3

6 Hopton Road

There had been a request from a resident to remove a tree in front of his property which was blocking the light and the roots were causing concern. Following a site visit and advice from a tree surgeon it was recommended that the tree be removed together with the stump and a smaller tree more appropriate to the area be planted.

RESOLVED that:

- i) The Maple tree is removed and replaced with a flowering cherry tree.*
- ii) The cost is covered from the £2,000 budget allocated for tree maintenance during 2014-15.*

7 Green Living Plan

This item was deferred.

8 Overhead Power Line and Pole

A request had been received from UK Power Networks to move a high voltage electricity line terminal pole and stay wires from a resident's garden in Coombe Hill Crescent by 5-7m in a northward direction onto a piece of scrub land within the Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve.

The Cuttle Brook Volunteers had been consulted and Members agreed that it would be churlish not to grant this request.

RESOLVED that:

- i) The location of the pole and stays be moved into the Cuttle Brook Nature Reserve subject to the exact location being agreed with the Cuttle Brook Volunteer's Committee.*

9 Reports from Town Council Representatives

- a) Transport Representative – Cllr Stiles – nothing to report.

10 For Information

The items for information were noted.

Correspondence had been received from SODC requesting that the name Ayres Court be considered as an alternative to Angus Court in regard to the Angus House development. After discussion Members agreed that the name should reflect the site or have a connection with this specific area of the town and therefore 'Ayres' would not be appropriate.

Members felt strongly that the name Angus Court be considered but offered Elton Court as an alternative, 'Elton' being the name of the site's land owner before it became an industrial area.

The meeting concluded at 7.06pm

Signed
Chairman, 1 July 2014