

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 19th October 2011 at the Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Hatfield at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR: L CLARK (CHAIRMAN)

COUNCILLORS: M CLARK, H MORGAN, C CROFT, S LAVER-WALTON, S JONES,
R WHEELER AND M WHITE.

OFFICERS PRESENT: P WIDDICOMBE (DEPUTY TOWN CLERK)

45. APOLOGIES

None were received.

46. QUESTION TIME

Mrs Halil a resident of Roe Green Close spoke objecting to the proposed development at 11 Chantry Lane, Hatfield.

Mrs Halil reasons for her objection included the proposal being out of character with neighbouring properties, an over-development of the site, garden grabbing, traffic concerns and parking issues as Chantry Lane has no off road parking available.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Halil for her attendance at the meeting.

47. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th September 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported the following matters that had occurred since the last meeting.

App Reference: S6/2011/1617/FP Mr P Jefcoate

Description: Rebuilding of existing boundary wall

Applicant: D Martyn-Smith

Location: The Twelve Apostles, Kentish Lane, Brookmans Park

The Chairman advised the Committee that the wall requiring to be re-built did not have Listed Building status.

App Reference: S6/2011/1574/FP Mr M Peacock
Description: Removal of existing shed and erection of new shed
Applicant: Mr N Alam
Location: 87 Bramble Road, Hatfield

The Chairman advised the Committee that the new shed required Planning permission as it was a higher building than the existing shed.

App Reference: S6/2011/1771/FP
Description: Stoned faced sign in boundary wall & fixed building signage as illustrated in approved scheme.
Applicant: Mr J Stowbridge
Location: Former Police Station, St Albans Road East, Hatfield.

The Deputy Town Clerk advised the Committee of his email exchanges with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council and the confusion that could arise with the emergency services with two areas in Hatfield with similar names, Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council were to approach the applicant and the response would be forwarded to the Town Council.

The Committee requested the matter should be followed up as they still had serious concerns.

48. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

- a) Councillors M Clark and Linda Clark declared a personal interest in application SG/2011/1706/FP as they were residents of Chantry Lane, Hatfield. .

- b) Councillor H Morgan confirmed that he was a member of the Borough Council's Planning and Development Control Committee and that his comments and votes represented a preliminary view and that he would consider the matter afresh at Borough level in the light of all the evidence including the relevant officer's report.

49. WEEKLY PLANNING LIST

No observations were made on the following applications:

App Reference: S6/2011/1842/FP Mr M Peacock

Description: Erection of new meeting hall following demolition of existing hall

Applicant: Hertford Planning Service

Location: Birchwood Methodist Church, Birchwood Avenue, Hatfield

App Reference: S6/2011/1799/FP Mr M Peacock

Description: Replacement of existing single storey rear conservatory

Applicant: Mr Nesbitt

Location: 46 Bishops Rise

App Reference: S6/2011/1995/FP Mr M Peacock

Description: Erection of single storey rear extension

Applicant: Home Extension Designs

Location: 81 Crawford Road, Hatfield

App Reference: S6/2011/1801/LB Mr M Peacock

Description: Erection of single storey conservatory (amendment to S6/2011/375LB)

Applicant: David Salisbury Conservatories

Location: 4 Tolmers Mews, Newgate Street, Hertford

App Reference: N6/2011/1864/FP - Mr A Rahman

Description: Erection of a two storey rear extension and a front porch

Applicant: Mr P Elliott

Location: Cress Cottage, 15 Lemsford Village

App Reference: S6/2011/1996/FP - Miss J Phillips

Description: Retention of decking in rear garden

Applicant: Adam Trigg

Location: 21 Cedar Road

App Reference: S6/2011/1577/FP - Mr D Manhertz

Description: Erection of 1.5 storey garage/ car port with accommodation within the roof space

Applicant: Mr J Batchelor

Location: Wing 2 Warren Wood, Kentish Lane

App Reference: S6/2011/1986/AD Mr M Peacock

Description: Installation of 2 x corner lights, 1 x Peugeot lettering, 1 x lion logo, 1 x dealership letters, 3 x fabric flags and 1 x free standing totem

Applicant: Blaze Maintenance Ltd

Location: Peugeot, Comet Way, Hatfield

App Reference: S6/2011/2061/FP - Mr D Manhertz

Description: Erection of single storey dwelling with associated parking and riding centre's manager's office, following the removal of two mobile homes and demolition of existing structures

Applicant: Mr M Ledger

Location: Ponsbourne Riding Stables, Ponsbourne Park

App Reference: S6/2011/1814/FP Mr P Jefcoate

Description: External alterations comprising of the installation of door, glazing, ramp and railings to the west elevation of the Hutton building

Applicant: Turnberry Consulting

Location: University of Hertfordshire Hatfield

Observations were made on the following applications:

App Reference: S6/2011/1706/FP Mr M Peacock

Description: Erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings

Applicant: Partners in Planning Ltd

Location: 11 Chantry Lane, Hatfield

The Committee objected to the application considering the proposal an overdevelopment of the site, out of character with neighbouring properties, traffic concerns with a single track road and parking issues with a road with no off road parking available.

App Reference: S6/2011/1813/FP Mr M Peacock

Description: Change of use from vehicle repair workshop (B2) to vehicle sales (Sui Generis)

Applicant: AKT Planning + Architecture

Location: Garden CityCoach Works, Fiddlebridge Lane, Hatfield

The Committee objected to the application as Fiddle Bridge Lane was a minor narrow road and the increase in traffic would cause congestion at either end of Fiddle Bridge Lane.

App Reference: S6/2011/1898/TP - Miss M Hill

Description: Fell Beech tree

Applicant: Mrs J Hales

Location: 31 Willow Way

The Committee objected to the removal of the tree but no objection to pruning as detailed in the application.

App Reference: N6/2011/1860/FP Mr S Silcocks

Description: Retention of solar power system

Applicant: AAH Planning

Location: Cromer Hyde Farm WGC

The Committee requested clarification as why planning approval was required.

App Reference: S6/2011/1578/AD Mr M Peacock

Description: Retention of banner on railings

Applicant: Kirby and Diamond

Location: Land adjacent the Market Place, Queensway, Hatfield

The Committee requested clarification on the use of banners generally around the town.

50. WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL- PLANNING OBLIGATIONS

The Committee noted the draft supplementary planning document.

51. 106a – 120 COLLEGE LANE – HATFIELD & 51 -53 ROE GREEN CLOSE

The Committee noted the applicant had appealed to the Secretary of State following refusal by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council.

52. 106a – 120 COLLEGE LANE - HATFIELD

The Committee noted an application had been made to register the above land as a Town or Village Green.

53. RECYCLING & ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY NEW BARNFIELD

The Committee received the following documents.

1. Community update from Veolia
2. Minutes of Community Engagement Group 8th September 2011.
3. Request for Councillors to participate in a Health impact assessment – workshop on 3rd November 2011 was also received. Interested Councillors to make contact with the Deputy Town Clerk in the first instance.

54. CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND – HOW TO RESPOND TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee received the 8 stop guide requesting individual copies if possible from Campaign to Protect Rural England.