



CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

THE GUILDHALL FORE STREET CHARD TA20 1PP

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COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the
Planning & Highways Committee
Chard Town Council held on Monday 18th July 2011
in the Town Hall at 6.30pm.

Present:

Councillors:

J Dorse, G Forsyth, Mrs B Halse, Mrs C Morrison (Mayor)
Ms S Pittwood, A J Prior (Chairman) and M Wale

In Attendance:

Sarah Robson – Acting Town Clerk. There were 17 members of the public and 1 member of the press present

37. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given

Councillor G Shortland – Family Illness, Councillors Mrs J Kenton & A Kenton and Mrs S Wyatt – Conflicting Engagements, Councillor Mrs T Aherne – Illness (Standing down from Committee -to be confirmed at next Full Council meeting)

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies and approve the reason given

38. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Forsyth declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item # 39 – Combe 1 & 2 as he knows the applicant.

Councillor Prior declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item # 42 – Being a Member of the Ramblers Association

39. To consider the following planning applications:-

Avishayes Ward Cllrs Mrs. T Aherne, A G Forsyth and Mrs. C Morrison

1.11/02436/LBC Erection of mild steel internal security shutter to south west elevation. The Old Station, Great Western Road, Chard, Somerset TA20 1EQ. The Original Factory Shop. LH

Recommend: Approval

2. 11/ 00751/CPO/cond.3, 5, 6 & 7 Erection of End of Life Vehicle and Non Ferrous Buildings, Two storey weighbridge Office and Fences (4m, 5m and 5.5 m high), and raising of ground level on part of site – details to satisfy condition 3 (Access & Parking); 5 (Drainage); 6 (Materials); & 7 (Pollution Prevention) Springmead Works, Beeching Close, Chard, Somerset, TA20 1BB. BM

Recommend: Approval

Combe Ward Cllrs A Kenton and M W Wale

1. 11/02275/FUL The erection of 4 No. terrace dwelling houses. Land Adjacent The Furnham Inn, Victoria Avenue, Chard, Somerset TA20 1AW. Mr. K Mason. LH

Recommend: Refusal; on the grounds of overdevelopment and would suggest a smaller number of dwellings be considered. Also Members expressed concerns relating to access, the A358 being a very busy road and not suitable as an access to the proposed development.

For: 5 Abstention: 1

2.11/02276/LBC Demolition of wall (revised application). Land Adjacent The Furnham Inn, Victoria Avenue, Chard, Somerset TA20 1AW. Mr. K Mason. LH

Recommend: Approval

For: 5 Abstention: 1

3.11/02429/FUL Change of use of first floor to form dance school. 35 Fore Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1PT. Mrs. K Druce. LH

Recommend: Approval

Crimchard Ward Cllrs J Dorse, Mrs. J Kenton and A J Prior

1. 11/02274/FUL The erection of 2 No. dwellings with detached annexe accommodation a double garage and associated parking. Land to the rear of Anne Eagles, Kinforde, Chard, Somerset TA20 1DT. Mr. D Hartnell. JM

Recommend: Refusal – Unanimously; on the grounds of the detrimental impact to neighbouring properties, loss of amenity and the negative impact on nearby Listed Buildings. It was considered that the access on to Crimchard is too narrow which caused Members concerns relating to the visibility splay. There was also the issue of flooding that has taken place in this location in recent years due to poor drainage in this area.

7.10pm 7 Members of the Public left the meeting

Holyrood Ward Cllrs Mrs. B Halse, G Shortland, Mrs. S P Wyatt

1. 11/02241/FUL The erection of a detached dwelling house and garage and the formation of a new access. 9 St Mary's Crescent, Chard, Somerset TA20 2DZ. Mr. H T Hall. JM

Recommend: Refusal; on the grounds of access. Members expressed concern that access and egress to and from the proposed dwelling from the A358 was not suitable due to the close proximity to the bend.

For: 5 Abstention: 1

2.11/02247/LBC The carrying out of internal alterations. The Stables, Fore Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1PT. Mr. Vincent Lean. CB

Recommend: Approval

3. 11/01839/COU Change of use from Accountants (Use Class B1) to Funeral Directors (Use Class A1). Unit 1 The Manse, 28 Fore Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1PT. Mr. Barry Gibbs. DW

Recommend: Approval

4. 11/02456/FUL Erection of a two storey extension to dwellinghouse. 39 Ashcroft, Chard, Somerset TA20 2JH. Mr. Allan Long. SP

Recommend: Approval

5. 11/02218/FUL The erection of a conservatory. 39 King Athelstan Drive, Chard, Somerset TA20 2HZ. Mr. S Barns. CB

Recommend: Approval

1. 11/02677/OUT Application for a new planning permission to replace extant permission 08/01329/OUT for the demolition of existing building, formation of access and erection of 2 No two storey buildings housing 14 no flats. The Flat Mill Building, 22-24 East Street, Chard, Somerset, TA20 1EP. Messrs Brinkman & Lampey. AG

Recommend: Refusal – Unanimously

Whilst Members recognized the need for development at this site it is believed that this proposed application does not fit within the vision of Chard's regeneration plan. The application was recommended for refusal on the grounds of overdevelopment, that the proposed development is also not fit for purpose and also concerns were raised in connection with potential access issues.

40. To receive notification of Planning Determination received from SSDC

11/00932/FUL Demolish 2m of boundary wall with Touchstone Lane and erection of 1.2m high gates to allow access for garden maintenance for no's 3 and 5. The Hollies, Crimchard, Chard, Somerset TA20 1JR. Yarlington Housing Group. SP

SSDC Grant Permission

CTC Recommendation – Approval

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SSDC Grant Consent

CTC Recommendation – Approval

11/01153/FUL Erection of two storey extension to dwellinghouse. 4 Middle Touches, Chard, Somerset TA20 1NU. Mr. G Knight. DN

SSDC – APPLICATION IS NOW WITHDRAWN

CTC Recommendation – Approval

11/01355/FUL Alterations and change of use of premises from B2 (general industry) to D1 (children's nursery). Unit A/B, Plot 22, Leach Road Business Park, Chard, Somerset. D Hartwell. JM

SSDC Grant Permission – No formal response received from Ward Member

CTC Recommendation – Refusal

11/01254/LBC The installation of a satellite dish on outhouse. Harveys High Street, Chard, Somerset, TA20 1QJ. Harveys and Jubilee Home. CB

SSDC Grant Consent

CTC Recommendation Approval

11/01927/FUL Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension to dwellinghouse. 155 Wessex Close, Chard, Somerset TA20 2JG. Mr. & Mrs. A Cossins CB

SSDC Grant Permission
CTC Recommendation Refusal

11/01975/FUL Erection of detached two storey dwellinghouse for use as holiday let/annexe to include Juliette balcony. Le Chalet, Hornsbury Hill, Chard, Somerset TA20 3DB. Mr. Brian Harding.

SSDC Refuse Permission
CTC Recommendation - Approval

11/01958/R3C Renewal of permission for temporary unit E.554 for a further five years. Redstart Primary School, Redstart Road, Chard, Somerset, TA20 1SD. KT

SCC Grant Permission
CTC Recommendation – Approval

Noted

41. To discuss parking problems near Redstart School

Members were in agreement that parking in this area is an on going problem. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Head teacher asking for the schools co-operation in encouraging more parents to walk their children to school in an effort to alleviate the situation. This letter should also be copied to SCC and the Police.

42. Highways

1. Public Footpath From Henson Park to Lower Touches; Highways Act 1980
The District of South Somerset (Footpath CH31/11 at Chard) Public Path Diversion Order 2011; The District of South Somerset (Footpath CH31/11 and another at Chard) Public Path Extinguishment Order 2011
2. Chard – Furnham Crescent; Proposal for Extinguishment of Path CH31/9 (part) at Fairport

Noted

43. Correspondence

1. Somerset County Council –Temporary road closure – A358 Tatworth Road, Church Street, Old Town, Silver Street and Millfield, Chard Town.
This road will be closed from 19th July 2011 for 4 days.

Noted

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm