

MINUTES of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012, at 7.30 p.m. at The Old School Centre.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Open Forum:

Nothing was raised by those present.

PL 1-4-12 Record of members present

Cllr Glyn Richards - Chairman, Cllrs Mark Copleston, Mandy Haley, Peter Kelly, Jane Maunder John Summers, Donna Warne and Donald Wiseman were present; a member of the public and Julia Willoughby the Clerk to the Council were in attendance.

PL 2-4-12 Apologies for absence

Cllrs John King and Greg Wall had sent their apologies.

PL 3-4-12 Declarations of interest (nature and extent) with regard to items on the agenda

Cllrs Jane Maunder and Donald Wiseman both declared a prejudicial interest in item 6, as both have children who have been nominated for the Young Community Champion Award.

PL 4-4-12 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Mr Thomas was present to answer any questions relating to planning application 0170/12 for the Village Hall, South Brent.

PL 5-4-12 Planning matters:

A) Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March, and report any matters arising - for information only

The minutes were confirmed and signed.

DNPA has advised that pedestrian access gates onto Kerries Lane do not need planning permission. A new fence erected next to the highway also in Kerries Lane could be over 2m high (including the bank) DNPA will be asked for advice.

B) Decisions:

0022/12 Construction of six stables and open haystore with adjacent outdoor school (retrospective application), Higher Binnamore, Badworthy, South Brent; application granted.

0039/12 Reinstatement of water wheel for hydroelectric power generation, Crackhill, Lydia Bridge, South Brent; application granted.

0058/12 Change existing bitumen flat roof to pitched roof on front elevation to match existing main roof and adjacent neighbour's roof at 12 Brookwood Close, South Brent; application granted.

0064/12 Erection of three sheds (two for the storage of gardening equipment and one for use as a shelter) and a greenhouse, allotment site, Vicarage Road, South Brent; application granted.

0100/12 A Certificate of Lawfulness has been issued for an existing use in respect of use of portacabin as a residential dwelling at The Portacabin, Hideaway, Forder Lane, South Brent.

C) Applications:

0148/12 (and amended application) Installation of solar panels and insertion of Velux roof windows into existing roof at Great Aish Barn, South Brent; the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

0170/12 Erection of a storage shed on land behind village hall at Village Hall, Station Approach, South Brent; the Parish Council supports this application which will be more sustainable and benefit the community.

D) Any amended applications

Some small amendments have been made to 0131/12 at Manorside, Fore Street, South Brent – details for information only.

E) Were alterations to a gateway and provision of a new parking area included in the recent planning application for The Studio, Badworthy Cottage, South Brent?

The application 0469/11 showed an enlarged gateway and vehicle parking on site; alterations have been made to the hedgebank, DNPA will be asked whether an amended application is required.

F) Correspondence

Carless & Adams Partnership have contacted members of the Parish Council inviting them to attend a public exhibition on 25<sup>th</sup> April for a proposed new care home at Brent Mill; Councillors were advised to attend the open session for members of the public, and to make no comment on the proposals.

PL 6-4-12 Consider nominations for the Community Champion Award and Young Community Champion Award

Votes were taken and the Community Champion Award went to a casting vote. (*Cllrs Jane Maunder and Donald Wiseman left the room for consideration of the Young Community Champion Award.*) Voting was also tied for this award, so the Committee agreed the decision on both Awards should be deferred to the Parish Council meeting on 23 April.

PL 7-4-12 Items for the next agenda

None.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.