

MINUTES of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 7 April 2014, 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 1-4-14 Record of members present

Cllr John King - Chairman, Cllrs Mark Copleston, Peter Kelly and Donald Wiseman were present; and Julia Willoughby the Clerk to the Council was in attendance.

PL 2-4-14 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Glyn Richards, John Summers and Greg Wall have sent their apologies.

PL 3-4-14 Declarations of a pecuniary interest (and nature) with regard to items on the agenda

None.

PL 4-4-14 Consider the granting of dispensations

No applications.

PL 5-4-14 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

None.

PL 6-4-14 Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March and report any matters arising - for information only

The minutes were confirmed and signed.

The fencing erected at New Orchard alongside Exeter Road has been reported to DCC Highways.

PL 7-4-14 Decisions

0019/14 Variation of condition 1 allowed at appeal (planning permission ref.

09/45/1203/83) to allow occupation of the site by any gypsy or traveller, Orchard Meadow, Exeter Road, South Brent; application granted.

0038/14 Demolition of signal box and associated works, Signal Box, Station Yard, South Brent; application granted. Network Rail have advised that the finials can be set aside for collection by the Parish Council, the ancient knife grinder will also be requested (at the suggestion of the Action Group).

0056/14 & 0057/14 (Listed Building) Glazed extension to rear elevation, new roof to kitchen and removal of flue, Court Gate House, Harbourneford, South Brent; application granted.

0058/14 Construction of agricultural building (9m x 18m), land at Higher Beara, South Brent; application refused.

0061/14 Use of the building as a single dwelling house, Lydia Mill, Lydia Bridge, South Brent; a Certificate of Lawful Use has been issued.

PL 8-4-14 Applications:

0162/14 Change of use of part of land to domestic curtilage and erection of building for parking and storage at Three Barns, Aish Lane, South Brent; the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

0164/14 Erection of lean-to and agricultural building to cover existing yard at Lutton Farm, Lutton, South Brent; the Parish Council has a neutral view of this application.

PL 9-4-14 Amended applications

None.

PL 10-4-14 Tree Preservation Order:

Application to carry out works to trees at The Chapel, Didworthy, South Brent; Mr G Pannell – Tree Warden has made the following comments:

The trees subject to the application are among a significant number of mature beeches which form an attractive element in the landscape at Didworthy, standing in the grounds of a number of properties.

Tree 1: I would suggest supporting felling, in view of the fungus infection and the danger posed should this substantial tree fail.

Trees 2 & 3: I would recommend no objection to crown reduction as branches of these trees overhang the property and the applicant has accepted that no cuts of more than 100mm will be made.

The Committee agreed that these comments should be sent on to DNPA.

PL 11-4-14 Correspondence

None.

PL 12-4-14 Report on progress with plans for a housing development at land at Palstone Lane

The Stakeholder Group is due to meet on 24 April prior to the public exhibition.

PL 13-4-14 Items for the next agenda

None.

The meeting closed at 8.08 p.m.