

**EARL SHILTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held at 6:45 p.m. on
Tuesday 13 October 2020

Vide remote/virtual means on the *Zoom.us* information systems (IS) platform.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: R Allen, Chairman, Mrs C Allen, and K Lapsley.

In attendance:

Town Clerk: Mr ME Jackson.
Office Clerk: Mrs C Houghton
Members of public: Nil.

20/020 *Chairman's welcome and opening remarks.*

The Chairman greeted colleagues, thanked them for attending this virtual meeting and then proceeded to the agenda.

Noted and received.

20/021 *To receive apologies for member absence.*

Cllrs Mrs C Coe and Ms J Duplock gave advance notice of their apologies for absence in writing with a good reasons as recorded by the Town Clerk. During the meeting it became apparent that Cllr B Granger was having *Zoom* connection issues and so, de facto, gave his apologies for absence.

Resolved: to accept the said Cllrs apologies as tabled and recorded.

20/022 *Declarations of interests. To receive disclosures of member's interests, i.e. the existence and the nature of those interests in respect of items on this agenda.*
None. (See minute 20/024 a. regarding the need for Borough Cllrs requiring not to fetter their discretion regarding this potential application).

20/023 *To receive and approve as a true record the minutes of the Planning Cttee meeting held on 01 September 2020.*
Resolved: to accept as a true record, the minutes of the meeting of the 01 September 2020 as tabled and circulated to members prior to the meeting.

20/024 *Planning applications/correspondence received as a Town Council 'statutory consultee' from HBBC, adjacent Districts and or LCC as Local or County Planning Authorities (LPAs) respectively or relevant source, for the following:*

a. Marlpit Farm – Thurlaston Ln. Boyer/Persimmon re: 109 dwellings.

Point of order: Cllrs C and R Allen are also Borough Cllrs and members of that 'Local Planning Authority' (LPA) Planning Cttee who will decide matters for any such *major* housing application. Therefore as this agenda item is not a formal application to be discussed in terms of ESTC Consultee Comments both Cllrs

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Chairman's Initials/Signature



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Allen will only state non-partisan points of fact so as not to fetter their discretion in any future formal proceedings.

Discussion points to note about this consultation offered to local residents close to Marlpit Farm were as follows:

- Residents of King Richards Hill are taking a particular interest in proposals and are contacting both Cllrs Allen in respect of the matter to enquire as to its status: legal and otherwise.
- The site archaeological works already carried out by contactors have exceeded their remit and have been subject to Borough Council Enforcement Officer restraint to halt further works.
- The residents' consultation from Boyer/Persimmon which has now closed 'is what it is' and not a formal planning application. A factual outline or full application will reveal more details but be subject to change in any case.
- In 2010 singleton developer planning permission for this site was refused as the application did not fit in with the planned Earl Shilton Sustainable Urban Extension (ES SUE) of which it was deemed to be a part. The current status of the ES SUE and Marlpit Farm is not clear at this time.

Noted and received.

b. 20/00411/FUL – 23, Masefield Dve – new hard driveway vehicle access on to Breach Ln.

Despite repeated cogent objections from the Town Council and Earl Shilton County/Borough Cllrs, the HBBC LPA Planning Cttee meeting of 29 Sep 20 'granted' planning permission for this new vehicular access on to Breach Ln from a Masefield Dve property with perfectly suitable vehicle access. Not without regret members acknowledged that without a formal right of appeal under current general planning regulations any barrister led legal challenge would likely result in an expensive failure at cost to the taxpayer.

Noted and received.

c. 20/00871/REM – Field View, 2 dwellings; re reserved matters application 18/01191/OUT.

No Consultee Comments.

d. 20/00965/TPO – Earl Shilton Town Council Borrowdale Close Public Open Space (POS): felling of 7 poplar trees.

After a recent independent professional Town Council parks, cemetery and POS tree survey Council reluctantly have taken the advice that these 7 trees are now unsafe and must be felled. When all tree felling on Town Council properties has been concluded as per the survey, through this Cttee Chairman members expressed the wish that more of and more suitable trees be planted as soon as possible to compensate for the losses.

Noted and received – (application on behalf of the Town Council itself).

e. Blaby District Council – 20/0835/RM – Stoney Stanton Business Park.

Members received a tabled 'Consultee Objections' paper dated 09 Sep 20 written and a copy sent to the Town Council by Stoney Stanton Parish Council



(SSPC) which has been submitted to Blaby District Council as that local council's LPA. Issues regarding surface and foul water are clearly an ongoing matter as are highways access, for larger vehicles, and volumes of traffic with potential knock-on effects to adjacent settlements with other major development proposals in mind also. Cttee members, in principle, if a formal request for support comes from SSPC are strongly minded to be behind some of the objections.

Actions-on: the Cttee Chairman requested that the Town Clerk make available to members application 20/0835/RM – *Stoney Stanton Business Park* as soon as possible so as to have the actual application detail of the SSPC submission paper of objection to hand.

Noted and received.

f. *Relevant late applications/correspondence received since this agenda was set.*

i) 20/00959/TPO – *Cut back branches by 2m to 3 lime trees on QEII - The Hall Field Park.*

Three of Councils trees are touching a house on Castle Close and must be removed to prevent damage to the private dwelling soonest.

Noted and received – (application on behalf of the Town Council itself).
ii) *Planning White Paper Consultation – Letter of encouragement from local MP.*

Members have already debated and given a full corporate response to the relevant government Ministry's consultation. The Cttee Chairman requested the Town Clerk to forward to the MP's Office the abridged minutes of the previous Cttee meeting which spell out clearly what the Town Council, as a local Council not an LPA, want to see included in the White Paper if it goes forward as a Bill to Parliament. Essentially more rights and protections for Town and Parish Councils to have effective consultee comments.

Noted and received.

Confidential Items – in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the agenda items below by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed and will be requested to withdraw. Members will resolve to go into Private Session. **Not applicable.*

20/025 To consider the issues/updates from the Cttee Chairman/Town Clerk/Members or others regarding late relevant confidential items received since this agenda was set.

***None.**

Last Item

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.21 p.m. thanking members for their attendance and contributions.

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