

SWT Planning Committee - 24 February 2022

Present: Councillor Marcia Hill (Chair)

Councillors Simon Coles, Ian Aldridge, Roger Habgood, John Hassall, Chris Morgan, Craig Palmer, Ray Tully, Sarah Wakefield, Brenda Weston, Keith Wheatley and Loretta Whetlor

Officers: Alison Blom-Cooper, Martin Evans (Shape Legal Partnership), Gareth Clifford, Ben Perry and Tracey Meadows

(The meeting commenced at 10.00 am)

106. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Blaker and Lithgow

107. **Minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Committee**

(Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 3 February circulated with the agenda)

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 3 February be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Coles, seconded by Councillor Habgood

The **Motion** was carried.

108. **Declarations of Interest or Lobbying**

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Councillor or Clerk of a County, Town or Parish Council or any other Local Authority:-

Name	Description of Interest	Reason	Action Taken
Cllr S Coles	SCC & Taunton Charter Trustee. Applicants for items 5,6 & 7 on the agenda were known to Cllr Coles, he stepped down from the Chair	Personal	Spoke and Voted

	for these items 'discretion not fettered'		
Cllr Mrs Hill	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr C Morgan	Stogursey	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr C Palmer	Minehead	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr R Tully	West Monkton	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr S Wakefield	Application No. 30/21/0050. Applicant, Mr Wakefield.	Personal	Left the meeting whilst the item was discussed and voted on.
Cllr B Weston	Taunton Charter Trustee	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr L Whetlor	Watchet	Personal	Spoke and Voted

All Planning committee members declared that they knew the applicants for items 5,6,7 on the agenda and had not 'fettered their discretion'

109. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation for this meeting.

Councillor Hill took the Chair for this meeting.

110. **30/21/0050 - Replacement of detached double garage at Pitminster Lodge, Church Lane, Pitminster, Trull**

Comments from Members included;
(summarised)

- No visual impact concerns;
- Good replacement of the current building;
- The rear of the existing garage looked unattractive to the backdrop of the Church;
- Confirmation was sought on the building materials that were to be used;

Councillor Morgan proposed and Councillor Whetlor seconded a motion for Conditional Approval to be **APPROVED** with an additional Condition 4 to read;

Prior to the construction of the garage samples of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development shall be submitted to, and approved in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and thereafter maintained as such;

Reason: To safeguard the character and appearance of the building/area.

The motion was carried

111. **38/21/0503 - Alterations to garden wall and formation of access driveway within the grounds of Weir Lodge, 83 Staplegrove Road, Taunton (retention of part works already undertaken)**

Applications 38/21/053 and 38/21/0504/LB were presented together and voted on separately

Comments from Members on both applications included;
(summarised)

- Concerns with the alterations to the garden wall;
- Concerns with the access due to safety issues on the bend;
- Concerns that the drive would be widened and trees removed;
- Concerns that this would set a precedent. The original application was granted to be vehicle free and now it has come back to committee for formation of an access driveway to be granted;
- Concerns that this was a creeping application;
- The new access driveway will make it much easier to get to the new properties;

Councillor Wakefield proposed and Councillor Tully seconded a motion for Conditional Approval to be **APPROVED** as per Officer recommendation.

The motion was carried.

112. **38/21/0504/LB - Alterations to garden wall and formation of access driveway within the grounds of Weir Lodge, 83 Staplegrove Road, Taunton (retention of part works already undertaken)**

Councillor Wakefield proposed and Councillor Tully seconded a motion for Conditional Approval to be **APPROVED** as per Officer recommendation.

The motion was carried.

113. **Latest appeals Lodged and decisions decided**

Latest appeals lodged and decisions decided noted.

(The Meeting ended at 11.00 am)