

ST STEPHEN PARISH COUNCIL

In the District of St.Albans, County of Hertfordshire



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE *PLANNING* COMMITTEE (9)
HELD AT THE PARISH CENTRE, STATION ROAD,
BRICKET WOOD, ST. ALBANS, HERTS
ON 12 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllr Freeman (Chairman), Cllr Bell, Cllr Brannen, Cllr Pryce & Cllr Whittaker

In attendance: Mrs Carol Hardy (Clerk) & 3 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Hurford and Cllr Kerry.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 15 JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED: Proposed: Cllr Pryce Seconded: Cllr Bell **Motion Carried**
That the minutes be accepted as a true record.
Votes in favour: unanimous

4. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT UPON THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 Major Applications

The Three Hammers PH/Sainsbury Local Chiswell Green

The Clerk mentioned that amended plans had been submitted by the applicant under the same planning reference number. Members considered the changes and decided that they made little difference to the application and were cosmetic. Cllr Bell made reference to the loss of the green space in the centre of the village. A Member commented that an application had been made to the SADC Licensing Committee to vary the opening hours of the pub car park to 6am—1pm. Members agreed that this change would only benefit the supermarket.

RESOLVED: Proposed: Cllr Freeman Seconded: Cllr Pryce **Motion Carried**
That objections remain to the amended plans 5//2014/3155 and that objections are raised in the change to the public house opening hours.
Votes in favour: unanimous

6.2 To consider and agree comments on the planning applications listed

RESOLVED: Proposed: Cllr Freeman Seconded: Cllr Brannen **Motion Carried**
That the planning comments on the list '12 February 2015' are approved
Votes in favour: unanimous

7. APPEALS

7.1 To consider and agree comments on the appeals listed

Members noted the appeals. Cllr Brannen stated that the comments previously made on the Hamilton Close appeal should remain.

8. TREE WORK

Members noted the tree work on the planning list.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Enforcement Updates

The Clerk stated that she had nothing to report. A Member commented that the current SADC Enforcement Officer had resigned her post and a recruitment exercise was underway. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries and report back to Members.

9.2 SADC Planning Referrals Meeting 5 January 2015 - Woodview Lodge

The Clerk reported that District Cllr Featherstone had raised the voting issue at the Planning Referrals meeting on 2 February 2015 but had not received a satisfactory response. The Clerk had now sent an email to the Head of Planning who had promised to respond on her return from leave.

9.3 Current Consultations

(a) Harperbury Hospital Site

The Chairman stated that Bloor Homes were the developers of the Harperbury Hospital site and had met with Members to discuss the application for residential development. Two hundred and six units were planned with 35% of these being affordable homes. It was planned to relocate the entrance of the site and provide a roundabout access on Harper Lane. Lime Way would be retained along with the Lime trees which would be enhanced by additional planting. It was possible that traffic lights would be installed on the Harper Lane bridge as part of the project. The Chairman stated that a full planning application for the site was imminent.

9.4 Hilton Hotel Lye Lane Bricket Wood

Following a meeting with 51 Pegasus, the Chairman reported that amended plans would be submitted for the site showing a smaller hotel development than that approved and retaining Cleveland as staff accommodation.

9.5 Strategic Rail Freight Interchange High Court Appeal

Cllr Pryce stated that he had attended the first day of the appeal. He went on to say that Paul Stinchcombe QC had given an excellent presentation on behalf of STRIFE and that the decision of the High Court was expected on Wednesday 18 February 2015.

9.6 Letter from Chiswell Green resident/Parish Council consultation on the Three Hammers PH/Sainsbury Local development

Members considered the letter and decided not to progress the matter further.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

These minutes are to be considered as draft until they have been approved by the committee.

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