

ST STEPHEN PARISH COUNCIL

In the District of St.Albans, County of Hertfordshire



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE *PLANNING* COMMITTEE (8) HELD AT THE PARISH CENTRE,
STATION ROAD,
BRICKET WOOD, ST. ALBANS, HERTS
ON 12 JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: Mrs Carol Hardy (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Kerry.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Freeman, Cllr Brannen and Cllr Whittaker declared a personal interest in the application for 63 Oakwood Road Bricket Wood as they were patients of the applicant.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 8 DECEMBER 2016

RESOLVED: Proposed: Cllr Brannen Seconded: Cllr Doyle **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
BRE 5/2016/2857**

RESOLVED: Proposed: Cllr Freeman Seconded: Cllr Brannen **Motion Carried**
*That the planning comments on the list 12 January 2017 relating to the
above application are approved*
Votes in favour: unanimous

6.2 To consider and agree comments on the planning applications listed

RESOLVED: Proposed: Cllr Bell Seconded: Cllr Pryce **Motion Carried**
That the planning comments on the list 12 January 2017 are approved
Votes in favour: unanimous

7. APPEALS

**7.1 To consider and agree comments on the appeals listed
17 South Riding Bricket Wood**

Noted.

63 Oakwood Road Bricket Wood

Three Members declared a personal interest in the application and wished to take no part in the discussion or decision process.

RESOLVED: Proposed: Cllr Bell Seconded: Cllr Doyle **Motion Carried**
The reasons for the refusal of the previous application have not been

addressed. This Council agrees with the refusal of application 5/2016/2565.
Votes in favour: unanimous (3 voting Members)

8. TREE WORK

8.1 To consider and agree comments on the tree work listed

Members noted the applications.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Enforcement Updates

Members raised the issues of the following enforcement breaches and asked that the Clerk follow them up with the SADC Enforcement Officer:

Fox & Hounds Station Road Bricket Wood - unauthorised first floor balcony

Watford Road Chiswell Green at the junction with Ragged Hall Lane - unauthorised mobile home placed next to bungalow

Chiswell Green Lane, Chiswell Green - substantial unauthorised development and placing of mobile homes on the Traveller site

Old Fox PH School Lane Bricket Wood - premises no longer licensed; closed due to alleged unsafe building; residential use continuing without permission for change of use

Winslo House 200 Radlett Road Colney Street - unauthorised 'Dogtastic' building and use of that building as a commercial premises. The Clerk reported that she was waiting on an update from the Enforcement Officer

9.2 Current Consultations

9.2(a) BT Telephone box removal

RESOLVED: Proposed: Cllr Bell Seconded: Cllr Pryce **Motion Carried**
That the following comments should be made: The telephone box described as being in Watford Road does not exist within the parish. The telephone box located within the car park on Park Street should remain due to its close proximity to Park Street railway station.
Votes in favour: unanimous

9.3 Strategic Rail Freight Interchange Site Project 645 - London Colney Dome

Members discussed the alternative view put forward for this site by District Cllr. Mike Wakely which was entitled Project 645 - London Colney Dome. Firstly, Members were agreed that the description of the site as being London Colney was inaccurate when it remains known as the St Albans/Radlett SRFI.

Cllr Bell stated that the thought of 40 storey towers made him think of Shanghai and that they would be dominant over St Albans Abbey. Above all, he affirmed that the land remained in Green Belt and this suggestion would be inappropriate development.

Cllr Brannen said that heritage must be protected.

The Chairman stated that he would consider any project put forward in preference to the SRFI.

Cllr Pryce said that the more ideas brought forward the better.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Tyndale considered that as an alternative to the SRFI this suggestion deserved a hearing and Cllr Hurford had agreed with this view.

Members agreed that Project 645 was an interesting alternative to an unwelcome development and that they would like to see more detail put forward.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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