

ST STEPHEN PARISH COUNCIL

In the District of St.Albans, County of Hertfordshire



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE *PLANNING* COMMITTEE (4)
HELD AT THE PARISH CENTRE, STATION ROAD,
BRICKET WOOD, ST. ALBANS, HERTS
ON 9 OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30 pm**

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

In attendance: Mrs Carol Hardy (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 4 SEPTEMBER 2014

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

4. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Brannen asked to comment regarding the Rt. Hon. MP Mr Eric Pickles and the Green Belt.
Cllr Bell asked to comment on the Review newspaper article and the Chiswell Green traveller site.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

6. TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT UPON THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 Major Planning Applications

(a) Land r/o 298 Watford Road

Cllr Bell explained that the application was for the erection of five, for bedroom houses and would fill in the gap between Long Fallow and Forge End. Serious concerns were raised regarding this cramped development and Members agreed to raise objections to the application.

6.2 To consider and comment on the planning applications listed

RESOLVED: Proposed: Cllr Bell Seconded: Cllr Hurford **Motion Carried**
That the planning comments on the list '9 October 2014' are approved
Votes in favour: unanimous

7. APPEALS

Members noted the appeals.

8. TREE WORK

Members noted the tree work applications. Concerns were raised regarding the application at Toll Cottage which did not give a reason for the work and 3 Brackendene where Members agreed that to lop 6m from such a significant tree would cause considerable harm to both to the tree and the surroundings. The Clerk was asked to contact the SADC Trees & Woodlands Officer with the concerns.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Enforcement Updates

Woodview Lodge Lye Lane Bricket Wood

The Clerk reported that the Highways Agency have now recovered all land along the M25 embankment that had been enclosed within the site.

A visit was made this week by the Highways Agency to check the status of the small paddock to the front of the site where the 5 bar gate has recently been realigned. Highways Agency have confirmed that this paddock remains in Highway Agency ownership and that no rights of entry have been granted.

9.2 CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

(a) Technical Consultation on Planning

Cllr Bell discussed parts of the document with Members and the comments he had submitted.

RESOLVED: Proposed: Cllr Freeman Seconded: Cllr Bell **Motion Carried**
That the comments on the Technical Consultation on Planning are agreed and submitted.
Votes in favour: unanimous

(b) Three Rivers District Council Submission of the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging

Members considered the document and noted the contents. The Clerk was asked to thank Three Rivers District Council for providing the consultation

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Brannen referred Members to the Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles MP and his most recent statement on how the protection of the Green Belt was paramount. He went on to say that information could now be found on the Planning Portal.

Cllr Bell expressed disappointment that the Review newspaper had produced an article about the expansion of the Chiswell Green Traveller site and when doing so had reproduced the names of the objectors who lived in the adjacent cottages.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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

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