



Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 5th June 2019 in the Sportsman Room, Birchwood Leisure Centre, Hatfield at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Margaret Eames-Petersen (Chairman)
Councillor Rory Craig (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Jackie Brennan
Councillor Richard Brisbin
Councillor Richard Griffiths (substituting for Cllr. H. Laming)
Councillor John Percival

OFFICER: Carrie Lloyd (Town Clerk)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor M. Eames- Petersen was elected Chairman and Councillor R. Craig was elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor H Laming (substituted by Cllr. Griffiths).

3. QUESTION TIME

Simon & Sheila Archer representing the PCC & Youth Centre at St John's Hilltop raised concerns with the application 6/2019/1067/MAJ Hill-Top Neighbourhood Centre High View Hatfield AL10 8HZ on the following grounds;

- (1) There is insufficient turning room for hearses in the space named Church Square;
- (2) There are insufficient parking spaces for high days, holidays and funerals at the Church which will lead to bad congestion in the area;
- (3) The Church needs a minimum of 15 – 20 car parking spaces;
- (4) There are insufficient spaces generally which will lead to unauthorised parking, the Youth and Community Centre has 8 spaces which will likely be taken up in unauthorised parking;
- (5) The plan 3515/C/524 shows the newly refurbished steps owned by the Church that run between the Church and the pub leading straight onto 2 vehicular access points with no means of preventing a pedestrian (particularly a child or person with poor vision) from walking straight into the path of a car or lorry;
- (6) The whole plan leads to pedestrian and vehicular conflicts;
- (7) There appears to be no provision for an increase sustainable transport.

Members noted the concerns which echoed some of their own and advised that they would be brought before the council on 19th June when the application would be considered by all the Members.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Griffiths declared an interest in 6/2019/1067/MAJ Hill-Top Neighbourhood Centre High View Hatfield AL10 8HZ as his son was project manager for the scheme.

Councillors Eames-Petersen and John Percival declared an interest in 6/2019/1067/MAJ Hill-Top Neighbourhood Centre High View Hatfield AL10 8HZ as the Labour Party HQ was based at Hill Top and was being relocated within the development.

Councillor Eames-Petersen declared an interest in 6/2019/1116/FULL Change of use from retail (use class A1) to library (use class D1) as a County Councillor.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6. THE FUTURE OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members considered the report of officers and RESOLVED that the current system should continue with the quorum remaining at 3 so that meetings could be split amongst the membership if necessary to reduce the burden of meetings.

7. APPLICATIONS

Application Number	Address	Proposal	COMMENTS
6/2019/1101/FULL	Ocado Ltd Gypsy Moth Avenue Hatfield AL10 9BD	Erection of an ancillary staff shop following demolition of an existing cabin building	
6/2019/1116/FULL	26-32 Town Centre, Hatfield, AL10 0LD	Change of use from retail (use class A1) to library (use class D1)	COMMENT If possible, the Town Council would like to see disabled parking at the rear of the library in Wellfield Rd with disabled access that way in.
6/2019/0920/HOUSE	2 Chipmunk Chase Hatfield AL10 9GH	Retention of existing outbuilding with changes to materials	COMMENT Members are concerned at the proposed use of the building and the aesthetics of the external finish on neighbouring properties.

6/2019/1208/MAJ	The Lawn Cemetery Southway Hatfield AL10 8HS	Erection of a new crematorium and machinery store, to include new car parking provision and landscaping following demolition of existing chapel, machinery store, lodge house and central colonnade	COMMENT Members welcome this application. They wish to see checks on air quality.
6/2019/1067/MAJ	Hill-Top Neighbourhood Centre High View Hatfield AL10 8HZ	Redevelopment of part of the Hill-Top shopping centre at High View to provide 18 retail units (Class A1, A2, A3, A5, B1 and sui generis) a Doctors' Surgery (Flexible use class A1, A2, A3, A5, and D1) 146 residential units (Class C3) new public open space including children's play area, new public square, associated parking, highways and drainage works and public realm improvements following demolition of existing	This application will be considered at Council on 19 th June 2019
6/2019/1109/HOUSE	57 Selwyn Crescent Hatfield AL10 9NW	Erection of wrap around two- storey and part-rear single- storey extension	
6/2019/1122/FULL	Asda Superstore 98 Town Centre Hatfield AL10 0JP	The installation of 5 no. condensers within the existing plant compound at the rear of the store and additional cowling and exhausts on the roof	Members do not wish to see an increase in noise disturbance to neighbouring residential properties
6/2019/1150/HOUSE	22 Selwyn Drive Hatfield AL10 9NJ	Retention of two storey rear extension	Members were concerned that this had been built without the benefit of planning permission
6/2019/1173/HOUSE	38 The Sidings Hatfield AL10 9SR	Installation of a dormer window to facilitate loft conversion	
6/2019/1137/HOUSE	Hill House Wildhill Road Hatfield AL9 6EB	Erection of a single storey and two storey rear extension, insertion of four windows and four rooflights following demolition, external alternations to the buildings and all ancillary works	
6/2019/1149/HOUSE	Upper Cromer Hyde Farm Cromer Hyde Lane Lemsford Welwyn Garden City AL8 7XE	Conversion of existing barn into an annex	

CLOSED 9.45pm

Chairman