

**DURSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

MINUTES and REPORT of the MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE of the Council held in the Meeting Room at the Methodist Church, Castle Street, Dursley at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to be presented to Council on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

**PRESENT**

Councillors: T Stride (Vice Chair), L Patrick, A White, M Patrick and D Horn.

In Attendance: L Wellings (Deputy Town Clerk).

In the absence of the Chair the Vice Chair presided over the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence P Hayes and J Rubin (both personal)

**2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Councillor M Patrick, as a member of the public, gave a brief update on planning application S.24/2121/FUL, previously supported by the Council. It was noted that the design of the new War Memorial Garden had been changed slightly following feedback, the paving would be in the shape of a cross rather than a Union Jack to reduce the amount of grass lost to the design.

**4. MINUTES**

The Minutes and Report of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 having been circulated among the members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Councillor L Patrick introduced the following applications:

- i. **S.24/2220/VAR** Land Associated with 12 to 40 Evens & 24A & 24B Cambridge Ave  
Variation of Condition 7 (Tree Protection) of S.21/1025/FUL.

**RESOLVED:** The Council objects to the Variation of Condition 7 (Tree Protection) and proposed removal of the Cherry Tree T2. It is contrary to policies CP14 and ES8, as set out in the Stroud District Local Plan 2015. This mature tree should be retained and protected in the interests of visual amenity and the character and appearance of the area. Its removal would have an adverse impact on the local environment and its enjoyment by the public, in an area that has lost other mature trees. The tree is a significant amenity asset being highly visible in this part of the settlement from surrounding homes and public space including the play park, footpaths, estate roads and the A4135. There is no concern raised relating to the tree's structural or physiological condition and the survey suggests a possible life expectancy of up to 20 years. The development plans and drainage should be adjusted to accommodate the tree and its roots, so that it can be retained and continued to be enjoyed by the community for years to come.

- ii. **S.25/0001/TCA** 4 Woodmancote, Dursley, GL11 4AF.

Wellingtonia - reduce height by one-third and reduce spread of branches.

**RESOLVED:** No observations. Recommendations regarding the proposed works should be sought from Stroud District Council's Tree Officer

6. LICENSING APPLICATIONS:

There were no licensing applications to consider.

7. PLANNING MATTERS IN GENERAL

i. Notification of Approved Planning Applications:

**S.24/2012/DISCON** 5 Water Street, Dursley, GL11 4JG

Discharge of condition 4 (lime and mortar mix) from S.24/1505/HHOLD.

**S.24/1545/LBC** Tabernacle United Reformed Church, Parsonage Street, Dursley  
Replacement of main entrance door.

**S.24/1273/FUL** 14A Kingshill Road, Dursley, GL11 4EJ

Change of Use of a Retail unit (Class E) to Hot Food Takeaway (Sui Generis), installation of extraction equipment and changes to frontage.

ii. Notification of Refused Planning Application:

**S.24/1198/HHOLD** Ferney Hill House, Ferney, Dursley, GL11 5AB

Alterations to existing Coach House and landscaping. Landscaping including retaining walls.

**S.24/1199/LBC** Ferney Hill House, Ferney, Dursley, GL11 5AB

Alterations to existing Coach House: Installation of brick floor within porch. Reinstatement of panels to porch. Internal timber sill and wall panelling. Variation to first floor plan. Regularisation of two roof light positions and addition of keystone to west gable.

8. AREA PLANS AND CONSULTATIONS

i) Stroud District Council Housing Strategy Consultation. (Deadline: 26/01/2025).

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the consultation response drafted by Councillor Stride would be submitted to Stroud District Council.

ii) Stroud District Council Private Sector Housing Renewal Policy 2025-30. (Deadline: 19/01/2025).

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the Deputy Town Clerk would prepare the response by extracting the main comments made in Councillor Rubin's review document of the consultation, circulating an email to all committee members for further comments before submitting to Stroud District Council.

9. PLANNING COMMITTEE ROTA

Members noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 6.30 p.m. Councillors M Patrick and A White would review the plans prior to the meeting and are responsible for finding a replacement if they are unable to do so.

10. PLANNING APPLICATION PANEL

It was noted that for the current month the planning application panel would be the Chair and Vice-Chair plus Councillors A White, D Horn and L Patrick. In the event of an emergency planning application, panel members would be contacted by the Town Clerk to arrange a panel meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6:55pm.

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Chair

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Date