



Bruton Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Community Office, Bruton on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Anderton, Baker, Brownlow, Carey-Downes and Hall
In the Chair: Councillor Hall

1. **Declarations of Interests**

There were none.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Hughes.

3. **Submitted Plans**

The Committee considered and made observations on received planning applications and will report back to the full Town Council at its next meeting. The plans discussed were as follows:

Application No.	Name	Address	
15/03795/FUL	Prima Casa	Prima Casa Brewham Road Bruton BA10 0JD	Decision deferred until site visit

Proposal: The change of use of premises as a mixed use comprising residential dwellinghouse and childminding business – AMENDMENT.

Outcome: Two of the applicants attended in support of this application. It was reported that the District Council Planning Officer had contacted the Chairman to express concerns that the number of children stated on the original application did not include the applicants own children and therefore asking if the Town Council's original decision would still stand in the light of this additional information. The Planning Officer also stated that a 6ft wall would be more appropriate and that the disposal of the extra waste created would need to be addressed. It was also stated that the Environment Protection Officer had recommended refusal due to noise issues. After discussion Committee agreed to defer a decision until a site meeting had taken place.

Application No.	Name	Address	
15/04006/FUL	Mr. Thomas Shaw	7 St. Davids Place Bruton	Recommend approval 5-0-0

Proposal: Alterations to roof, windows, door, chimney, point and vents.

Outcome: A neighbour attended to express her concerns that her access rights were not known by the applicant and may therefore be compromised. It was explained that this was not a planning issue and it was recommended that the neighbour write to SSDC with her concerns. A copy of this letter was left with the Committee. After consideration **Committee wish to recommend approval of this application.**

Application No.	Name	Address	
15/04225/FUL	Mr. Simon Goffe	Two Trees 67 Coombe Street Bruton BA10 0ER	Recommend approval 5-0-0

Proposal: Removal of garage doors and replace with window, infill open porch, insertion of front door and glass panel.

Outcome: Committee wish to recommend approval of this application.

Application No.	Name	Address	
15/04347/COU	Mr. Chris Cooke	Bruton Post Office 40 High Street Bruton BA10 0AE	Recommend refusal 5-0-0

Proposal: Change of Use of ground floor from A1 retail to C3 dwelling house.

Outcome: A representative of the Chamber of Commerce attended and stated that a letter of opposition will be sent to the District Council. Committee is loath to see a shop front gone from the High Street and feel this will set a precedent for other shops to close. Committee is keen to send out a strong message that the High Street will be supported. The District Planning Officer has spoken to both Councillors Hall and Brownlow and has stated that District will support refusal if the Town Council can provide evidence of people requesting shop space in the town. After much discussion **Committee wish to recommend refusal of this application on the following grounds:**

- **Bruton is a growing town with increased footfall and there is a desire for people to open shop fronts, not close them. The Town Council believes a strong message needs to be sent out that the High Street will be supported.**
- **The closure of a shop front will be very detrimental to the High Street and will set a dangerous precedent for the future.**

4. Determinations received

15/03005/LBC	Mr. Hollingbery	Discove House	Granted with conditions
15/03780/LBC	Mrs. J. Bowell	9 Patwell Street	Granted with conditions
15/03860/FUL	Mr. S. Goodland	18 Park Road	Granted with conditions
14/03105/FUL	Mr. Steve Hack	Land at Gilcombe Farm	Advice of Informal Hearing

5. Plans received after the agenda was posted

There were none.

Members of Committee are advised that they should consider these matters in the exercise of their functions: Equal opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability); Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights. Copies of plans reports and correspondence mentioned above may be inspected at the Council Office during opening hours or by appointment.