

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the
Community Office, Bruton on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 7pm**

Present: Councillors Karen Baker, Brownlow, Hall and Robinson
In the Chair: Councillor Hall
In attendance: The Clerk and 3 members of the public

1. **Declarations of Interests**

It was declared that Mr. James Thorburn had previously been employed to do work for the Council and also for Councillors Karen Baker and Hall.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Anderton, Abi Baker and Jones.

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	
17/04685/FUL	Mr. John Griffin	Brick Hill Farm Brick Hill Bruton BA10 0BW	Decision deferred until site visit and then to go to full Council

Proposal: Erection of one straw bedded naturally ventilated pig rearing building (up to 500 pigs) feed bin and associated works.

Outcome: Three neighbours attended in objection to this application and letters of objection had previously been received by the Committee. Two applications were originally made in 2012 for 2 separate pig units, and these were originally objected to by the Town Council. One of the applications was subsequently approved. This current application is for the unit which was refused. Councillor Hall had spoken to the District Environmental Health Officer who had received no complaints about the current unit and therefore could offer no objections for a second unit. However it appears that neighbours have experienced problems with strong odours at certain times in the pig rearing cycle and, with a second unit proposed, there is a concern that there will be no respite at all from the smells. The neighbours all live within 200 – 300 metres, on an elevated position from the site and there is a fear that plans for fans for the buildings will only increase the smell to the outside, with the wind direction for 90% of the time being in the direction of the homes. Councillors questioned vehicle access and also the figures used on the application to define smell levels. The applicants were not in attendance for questions to be answered.

It was agreed that the Chairman will contact the applicant to arrange a site visit and this application will then be put forward to the next full Council meeting for a decision. The neighbours will be informed of the date of the site visit.

Application No.	Name	Address	
17/04602/TPO	Diocese of Bath & Wells	8 Wellesley Green Bruton BA10 0DU	Already Granted

Proposal: Application to carry out tree surgery works to 3 No. trees all within SSDC (Bruton No. 1) TPO 1988.

Outcome: **This application has already been granted.**

Application No.	Name	Address	
17/04850/TPO	Mr. M. Greer	Land to the rear of Two Trees 67 Coombe Street Bruton BA10 0ER	Recommend approval 4-0-0

Proposal: Application to fell a horse chestnut tree and to carry out surgery works to a horse chestnut tree within SSDC TPO (Brut 1) 2010.

Outcome: This application has been made on behalf of Yarlinton Homes. There is canker in the tree and the tree officer has confirmed that the tree will not recover. Reluctantly

Committee wishes to recommend approval of this application.

Application No.	Name	Address	
17/04730/FUL	Mr. & Mrs. J. Thorburn	15 Brue Avenue Bruton Bruton BA10 0HZ	Recommend approval 4-0-0

Proposal: Erection of a sunroom and double garage with office over; in place of existing conservatory and garage.

Outcome: No objections have been received from neighbours. **Committee wishes to recommend approval of this application.**

Application No.	Name	Address	
17/04760/FUL	Mr. Mark Robbins	1 Bruelands Bruton BA10 0HX	Recommend approval 4-0-0

Proposal: The erection of replacement boundary retaining wall and fence.

Outcome: **Committee wishes to recommend approval of this application.**

4. **Determinations received**

17/03970/FUL	Mrs. Biddiscombe	The Bungalow, Brick Hill	Granted with conditions
17/04174/FUL	Mrs. J. Hayter	Redlynch Cross Cottage	Granted with conditions
17/03349/FUL	Mr. & Mrs. Drinkall	Moor Wood Cottage	Granted with conditions
17/04602/TPO	Diocese Bath & Wells	8 Wellesley Green	Granted with conditions
17/04221/S73A	Mr. Aled Rees	1 High Street	Granted with conditions
17/04345/S19			
17/04230/FUL	Mr. Neil Petherick	Longpre Furn., Station Road	Granted with conditions
17/04089/FUL	Mr. Richard Philo	50 High Street	Granted with conditions
17/04090/LBC			
17/04116/LBC	Mrs. Donaldson	5 Quaperlake Street	Granted with conditions

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