

**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Response
Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2023
in the Community Office, Bruton**

Present: Councillors Buckland, Robinson, Taylor, Whittock and Wilson
In the Chair: Councillor Robinson
In attendance: Deputy Town Clerk

P23/8 Election of a member to chair the meeting
It was RESOLVED 5-0-0 [For-against-abstain] that Councillor Robinson chair the meeting.

P23/9 Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85(1)).
Apologies were received from Councillors Baker and Fradley.

P23/10 Declarations of interest
No personal or pecuniary interests were declared.

P23/11 Minutes of the previous meeting
It was RESOLVED 5-0-0 that the minutes of the meeting of 15th June 2023 are a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

P23/12 New Planning applications
The Committee discussed the following applications and made recommendations to the Local Planning Authority (Somerset Council) on behalf of the Town Council:

- i. 23/01515/HOU Tolbury Cottage, Higher Tolbury, Bruton, BA10 0DJ**
Two storey hall/landing extension to front elevation. Box dormer to replace two pitched roof dormers to rear slope.
Members noted that the proposed extension would not overlook neighbouring properties, the design is in keeping with the Conservation Area, no adverse comments or observations had been noted or received, and the application complies with Planning policy.
It was RESOLVED 5-0-0 to recommend approval of the application.
- ii. 23/01408/HOU and 23/01409/LBC Old Sheephouse, Brewham Road, Bruton BA10 0JH** Partial demolition of the washroom/storage extension attached to the studio building. Refurbishment of the studio to form a kitchen, pantry and guest wc, including lowering of the existing floor and extending to form a family dining and sitting area leading to the terrace. An enlarged opening and a new internal opening to the ends of the proposed new entry to facilitate access between the new extension and the historic east garden

Members noted that the application is very detailed and had evidently benefited from extensive pre-application discussions with Planning officers. No adverse comments or observations had been received or noted. The proposed development is modern in style but the Conservation Officer is evidently confident that it enhances rather than impairs the Listed building and members took the view that it would be unreasonable to dissent. **It was RESOLVED 5-0-0 to recommend approval of the applications.**

P23/13 Update on previous Planning applications

None received.

The meeting concluded at 7.41pm

Patrick Pender-Cudlip
Deputy Town Clerk