

**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Response Committee  
meeting held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
in the Community Office, Bruton**

**Present:** Councillors Bateman, Buckland, Fradley, Jones and Taylor  
**In the Chair:** Councillor Fradley  
**In attendance:** Deputy Town Clerk  
One member of the public

**P24/20 Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85(1))**

Councillor Robinson had sent apologies for being unable to attend because of a previous commitment.

**P24/21 Declarations of interest.** Members to declare any interests, including disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct, and to consider any written requests from members for dispensations that accord with the Localism Act 2011 s33 (b-e) (This does not preclude any later declaration).

None

**P24/22 Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (LGA 1972 sch 12 para 41 (1)).** That the Minutes of the Planning & Consultation Response Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

**It was RESOLVED 5-0-0 [for-against-abstain] that the minutes of the Planning & Consultation Response Committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 are a true and accurate record of that meeting.**

**P24/23 New Planning Applications**

To consider the following application, make recommendations to the Local Planning Authority (Somerset Council), and notify the full Town Council at its next meeting:

**[24/01229/COU](#) Mill Forge 7 Mill Lane Bruton Somerset BA10 0AT**  
Proposed use of existing ancillary accommodation to include holiday and short-term letting.

- It was noted that the Bord Hall was originally intended for use as a design and photographic studio (11/01324/FUL), not as accommodation (although it included a small kitchen), and that a recent S73 application (23/03159/S73) confirmed the intention to "use if for its original purpose as outlined in the [2011] planning application".

- Members also noted that the Town Council favours the provision of housing which meets the needs of local families rather than holiday and short-term letting.
- On the other hand members recognised that because the premises were previously used as a studio rather than accommodation, the proposal to use it for holiday and short-term letting would not in itself impact the availability of housing for local families.
- Members noted that the provision of parking space for three cars on site meant that the proposed change of use was unlikely to put further pressure on the limited supply of on-street parking places in the town.

**It was RESOLVED 5-0-0 that the Committee has NO OBJECTION to the proposed development.**

**P24/24 New Planning notifications (for information)**

None

**P24/25 Road Safety**

- i. To consider a resident's request for the Town Council to ask Somerset Highways to discourage speeding on Silver Street and Plox by refurbishing and installing road signage.

A resident reported on a recent road traffic accident on Plox and on numerous instances of vehicles travelling at speeds of 30-50mph in what is a 20mph zone. He suggested that matters might be improved if Highways were to reinstate the painted SLOW sign on the road surface and repaint other road signage, and if the Town Council were to install its electronic Speed Indicator Device (SID) on Plox. Members discussed these and other suggestions to reduce speeding and improve road safety on Plox.

**It was RESOLVED 5-0-0 that**

- **Highways be asked to reinstate the painted SLOW sign on the road surface on Plox, just short of the brow of the hill and the junction with Godminster Lane.**
  - **Highways be asked to consider installing a NO RIGHT TURN sign facing the main entrance to King's School**
  - **Bruton's Town Committee be asked to consider locating the SID on Plox if Highways agreed**
- ii. To receive a report on recent initiatives and correspondence relating to speeding and road safety on Shute Lane, and to consider further steps.  
The Deputy Clerk reported that following an intervention from our local MP the police had undertaken a traffic survey on Shute Lane. Neither the volume of traffic nor the speeds recorded would normally be considered sufficient to trigger enforcement measures, but given the circumstances

the responsible officer agreed to undertake enforcement for a limited period. On his first spell he caught several offenders, and he also took the opportunity to liaise with local residents whom he described as most helpful in giving him an insight into the nature and scale of the dangers faced by pedestrians. He has agreed to undertake short periods of enforcement in the future when possible.

**P24/26 Update on previous planning applications (for information)**

To note decisions relating to applications previously considered by the Committee.

- i. 24/01361/NMA Land North of Creech View, Dropping Lane, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0NQ** Non-material Amendment to approved application 23/03036/S73A for modification of dwelling orientation and reduction of depth of eaves overhang. **AGREED.**
- ii. 24/00171/HOU&24/00483/LBC (amended plans) Abbey House, Plox, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0EF** Construction of garden room linked to existing living room. **APPROVED**
- iii. 24/01231/HOU Ropewalk House, Higher Backway, Bruton BA10 0DW** Erection of a two-bay carport and removal of trees. **APPROVED**
- iv. 24/01169/HOU Jayann, Wyke Road, Wyke Champflower, Bruton** Proposed Annexe Building. **APPROVED**
- v. 24/01194/FUL&20/01195/LBC Sexeys Hospital, High Street, Bruton** Proposed Replacement of failing render, Gentle cleaning of stained render and masonry, Re-decoration of south elevation, Installation of eaves gutters, Installation of eaves tile guards, Installation of 2no. downpipes above existing gullies, Roofing repairs, Glazing and ferramenta repairs. **APPROVED**
- vi. 24/00610/FUL Tolpenny, Higher Tolbury, Bruton, Somerset** Subdivision of existing dwelling into two dwellings with associated alterations. **APPROVED**
- vii. 24/00846/FUL Wyke Farms Ltd, White House Farm, Wyke Road, Wyke Champflower, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0PU** Installation of CHP (Combined Heat and Power) unit. **APPROVED**
- viii. 24/01079/FUL Blue Ball Hotel, Coombe Street, Bruton, BA10 0EP** Installation of timber external staircase. **APPROVED**

The meeting concluded at 7.48pm

**Patrick Pender-Cudlip**  
**Deputy Town Clerk**