

SWAY PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee was held at the Jubilee Field Pavilion, Station Road, Sway on Thursday 10 July 2014.

Present: Councillors Stephen Tarling (**Chair**), Kevin Cripps (**Vice Chair**), Peter Dance, Carole Gates, David Golby and Kevin Langford.

In attendance: Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk) together with 8 members of the public.

PT95/14 Apologies

An apology was received from John Warden (Transport Representative).

PT96/14 Declarations of Interest

None.

PT97/14 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12 June 2014 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12 June 2014 were approved and signed by the Chair.

There were no matters arising.

PT98/14 Outcome of Planning Applications Considered at Previous Meetings

The Chair reported that the NPA had granted the planning applications in respect of 5 Heron Close; 6 Oakenbrow; Hazelhurst Farm, Flexford Lane; Jubilee Cottage, Chapel Lane and Whistlestop Cottage, Station Road, Sway.

PT99/14 Trees

- 1) New Tree Preservation Orders**
- 2) Applications for Tree Works**

The Clerk reported that there were no new Orders or Applications to be considered.

PT100/14 New Planning Applications

App No. 14/00400 – Shirley Down, Shirley Holms, Sway
Single storey rear extensions.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 3 - Recommend permission.

The Committee had no issues with this application although they did point out that the Sway VDS did not approve flat roofs and if that could be amended that would be even better.

App No. 14/00403 – Buckland House, Adlams Lane, Sway
Replacement dwelling; double garage; access alterations; demolition of existing dwelling.

Carole Gates declared a non-pecuniary interest as a neighbour and took no part in this item.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 5 - Happy to accept the decision reached by the NPA's Officers under their delegated powers.

The Committee had serious concerns about the excessive size of the garage and the position at the front of the property which did not fit with the Sway VDS. They also had concerns about the management of surface water drainage from the site and suggested that the main drive should be gravelled to help this process. If granted, a further condition should be put in place to ensure that the existing trees were retained.

App No. 14/00461 – Westwards, Birchy Hill, Sway

Roof alterations to facilitate first floor accommodation; roof lights; single storey extensions; front porch.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 3 - Recommend permission.

The Committee had no issues with this application.

App No. 14/00449 – Claywood House, Arnewood Bridge Road, Sway

Replacement dwelling (demolition of existing).

The Committee unanimously supported Option 2 - Recommend refusal but would accept the decision reached by the NPA's Officers under their delegated powers.

The Committee felt that the design and scale of the proposal was inappropriate and did not comply with the Sway VDS Guidelines for Modern/New Build. It would not blend with local properties or the local vernacular, the materials, form and character did not seem those of a strong New Forest character. No consideration on the impact on trees and hedges seemed to have been given to the application.

App No. 14/00443 – Folds Farm, Mount Pleasant Lane, Sway

Single storey extension; two roof lights.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 3 - Recommend permission.

The Committee had no issues with this application.

App Nos. 14/00387/8 – Communications Site at Sway Tower, Barrows Lane, Sway

Six new antennae; removal of six existing antennae.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 1 - Recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the NPA's Officers under their delegated powers.

The Committee felt that it would not be unreasonable for all parts of the mounts and antennae to be better camouflaged: to be finished so that they matched the adjacent concrete and for the finish to be agreed with the NFNPA before commencement of any works and to be guaranteed for the lifetime of the equipment. The applicants should note that this was not a mast but a Grade II listed building.

App No. 14/00478 – 2 Dennett House, Brighton Road, Sway

Proposed single storey rear extension with rooflights; porch.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 5 - The Committee were happy to accept the decision reached by the NPA's Officers under their delegated powers.

The Committee felt they had no option but to support Option 5 as they could not clearly understand the plans. In supporting Option 5 they recommended that the plans including the extent of the self-contained ground floor flat should be finalised, that the porch was

acceptable, that if a business had ceased then the owners should be encouraged to restore some soft landscaping and that the bathroom be incorporated within the current envelope of the ground floor flat.

App No. 14/00477 – Grid Ref E428148 N98829, Manchester Road, Sway

Replacement natural gas pressure reduction installation kiosk.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 3 - Recommend permission.

The Committee recommended that a condition be put in to the effect that the materials proposed be first approved by the NFNPA as suitable and durable for such an SSSI location, including extensive use as a scratching post, latrine and target for kicking practice for forest ponies, cattle and donkeys.

App No. 14/00443 – Land at Limolands Farm, Vaggs Lane, Hordle

Construction of a 14 hectare solar farm, to include solar panels to generate electricity, associated plant buildings; perimeter fencing; cctv cameras; landscaping and associated works.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 4 - Recommend refusal.

The Committee unanimously agreed that the proposed site was unsuitable particularly in terms of the impact on the adjacent environment, the visual impact, the inappropriate use of greenfield land and the sheer size of the proposal.

App No. 14/00505 – The Silver Hind, Station Road, Sway

Application to vary condition 9 of planning permission reference 12/97636 to allow retention of decking.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 4 - Recommend refusal.

Whilst keen to support local businesses, the Committee unanimously agreed that they should stick to their original decision and were not prepared to accept the applicant's claim that removing the decking, which had been added without permission in the first place and should have been removed over 6 months ago, would be unreasonable or that the restaurant would have to close whilst the work was carried out.

Action: The Clerk to convey the above responses to the Planners of the New Forest National Park Authority.

PT101/14 Update on Planning Enforcement

The Clerk's report was noted.

PT102/14 Planning Inspectorate and Enforcement Appeals

The Committee noted that the decision by the Planning Inspector in respect of the appeals relating to Heathey Lodge, Station Road, Sway was still awaited.

PT103/14 NFNPA Planning Development Control Committee

It was noted that the agenda for the next meeting on the 15 July had been published but it did not include any issues relating to Sway.

PT104/14 Other Planning Issues

PT105/14 Reviewing New or Amended Policies from External Bodies such as the NFNPA, NFDC, DCLG

It was noted that there were no issues to be considered under these two agenda items.

PT106/14 Report by the Parish Council's Transport Representative

In the absence of John Warden, the Chair reported that the CANGO service continued to be well used.

PT107/14 Roads, Hedges and Ditches

During an open session, the following issues were highlighted:-

1. Use of Verges – Members of the public expressed concern about the increasing number of occasions where property owners seemed to be taking ownership of parts of verges for parking or putting in obstacles to prevent other road users from parking there. It was noted that the County Council did not seem willing to take any action other than writing to the property owners concerned. The Clerk agreed to check on all the locations in the village where this problem was occurring and then to raise the matter with the County Council and also ensure that Councillor Thornber was aware of the problem.

2. B3055 – There appeared to be some confusion about the level of maintenance work being carried along this stretch of road from the Bashley Roundabout to Church Lane, Sway. The Clerk agreed to seek clarification from the County Council and report back.

PT108/14 Correspondence and Any Other Business

Community Speedwatch

Len Thomas reported that he had spoken with PC Morgan Williams to discuss a number of outstanding issues and had had a further meeting with him and other colleagues involved in the Scheme. He was under the impression that the suggested new sites for the camera had been agreed but he was waiting for confirmation. He added that PC Williams had also agreed to provide monthly reports on the progress of the Scheme and to have quarterly meetings with Len Thomas.

Committee's Co-Opted Members and Terms of Reference

The Chair stated that it was the appropriate time to review the Committee's Co-Opted Members and suggested that John Warden should continue as the Transport Representative and Kathy Gulliver as the Tree Warden. He then moved, seconded by Kevin Cripps, that Len Thomas should join the Committee as the co-opted Community Speedwatch representative. This was agreed.

The Chair then went on to suggest that, in view of the increasing workload for the Committee, the Parish Council should be asked to consider increasing the number of co-opted members from 3 to 5. However it was felt that it would be more appropriate for this issue to be considered by the Parish Council following next year's election.

The Committee then endorsed a change to paragraph 6 of the Terms of Reference to the effect that meetings would be held on the third Thursday of each month as agreed at the last Parish Council meeting.

Road and Street Signs

The Clerk agreed to arrange for the Lengthsman to deal with signs which had become obscured by overgrown hedges etc or signs which required cleaning. Any broken signs to be reported to the County Council.

PT109/14 Dates of Future Meetings

The following dates were noted:-

Thursday	21 st August 2014	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	18 th September 2014	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	16 th October 2014	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	20 th November 2014	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	11 th December 2014	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	22 nd January 2015	Jubilee Field Pavilion

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

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Chair of Committee