

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 19th March 2015.

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

In attendance: Susan Brayley (Parish Clerk), John Warden (Transport Representative), Len Thomas (Community Speed Watch Representative), a member of the press and 4 members of the public.

PT228/14 – Apologies – Cllr Kevin Langford.

PT229/14 - Declarations of Interest

None.

PT230/14 - Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19th February 2015 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19th February 2015 were approved and signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

PT231/14 - Outcome of Planning Applications Considered at Previous Meetings

The following NFNPA Planning Decisions were reported:-

15/00057 - Green Croft, Manchester Road, Sway - Replacement dwelling and garage; demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. **Refuse**

14/01035 - Sway Social Club, Westbeams Road, Sway - 4no. Semi-detached dwellings; 1 no detached dwelling; garages; access; associated landscaping (demolition of existing building). **Grant Subject to Conditions**

15/00015 - 12 Setthorns Road, Sway - 1 and 2 storey extensions; 1no rooflight. **Grant Subject to Conditions**

15/00003 - Oak Lea, Church Lane, Sway - Two storey and single storey rear extensions. **Grant Subject to Conditions**

15/00113 - Broadley Brake, Middle Road, Tiptoe - Application for Lawful Development Certificate for proposed first floor extension. **Grant**

TPO/15/0074 - Oak Croft, The Close, Sway - Oak - Fell to ground level.

Grant Subject to Conditions - A replacement tree chosen from the species detailed below shall be planted for each tree removed, at the same place as the original tree, unless agreed otherwise with the Authority and not more than 12 months after its removal. Yew, Hawthorne, Field Maple. – It was queried why the replacement tree was not like for like.

Clerk to raise with Tree Officer **Action Clerk**

PT232/14 - New Tree Preservation Orders

TPO/0038/14 - LAND AT SWAY MANOR, STATION ROAD, SWAY – Confirmation letter dated 4th March 2015 received.

PT233/14 – Applications for Tree Works / New Planning Applications

1) Applications for Tree Works

TPO/15/0196 - Toby Cottage, Back Lane, Sway - Oak - Crown lift by the removal of 2 x primary limbs circa 8-10 inches in dia.- Observed was a small crown lift for vehicular access. No objections raised – Unanimously agreed to recommend permission.

TPO/15/0230 - Amberway, Westbeams Road, Sway - Prune 3 x Oak trees. – It was observed that the application was incomplete, as was the arboreal report and the sketch

map was not at all accurate. As there were no good reasons to prune, was unanimously agreed to recommend refusal.

2) New Planning Applications

15/00128 - 2 Laurel Bank, Middle Road, Sway - Two storey front extension; single storey side extension; Demolition of single storey front extension. – Unanimously agreed - Option 1. We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

Comments: - Careful consideration to get matching facing materials will be particularly important in this case. If the current kitchen rear extension could be improved to better match the Sway VDS guidelines that would be an advantage. Surface water disposal should be agreed before development starts.

15/00112 - The Hunters, Middle Road, Tiptoe - Replacement Outbuilding – Unanimously agreed – Option 5. We are happy to accept the decision reached by the NF National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

Comments: - Although the proposal is of a far superior design and a better match to the Sway Village Design Statement guidelines, the increase in ridge height would obscure fine countryside views. Given the size of this outbuilding and the development upon this plot we suggest the removal of further permitted development rights without specific permission; and that a firm condition is added making it clear that this outbuilding may never be used as habitable accommodation.

15/00132 - St Luke's Church, Church Lane, Sway - Garden store; 1.8 metre high fence - Unanimously agreed - Option 3. We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below.

Comments: - We appreciate the care taken in planning and trust the same care will be taken in the construction, and we suggest the wooden shed would be appropriate and should be agreed with the NFNPA before development starts.

15/00136 - Silver Birches, Westbeams Rd., Sway - Single storey extension – Unanimously agreed - 1. We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

Comments: - We are disappointed with the choice of flat roof as breaches Sway VDS guidelines, however cannot see a reasonable alternative to it due to the existing large flat roof at the rear of this property.

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

PT233/14 Update on Planning Enforcement

The Chair reported the following:-

The full NFNPA Enforcement report for 02 Feb 2015 was available on line. The month started with 9 investigations, Eagleswood Farm House, Arnewood Bridge Road - Unauthorised development - conservatory – has been resolved (no breach), and none have been added. 8 investigations (two of which should be resolved soon), are therefore carried forward.

PT234/14 Planning Inspectorate and Enforcement Appeals –

3002091 - South Sway Farm House, South Sway Lane – Chair reminded committee that Sway Parish Council had been invited to formally comment on the appeal against NFNPA Enforcement Case EN/14/0157, by the Inspectorate and asked for comments re the draft reply circulated prior to the meeting. The draft was unanimously agreed by the committee and the Clerk was asked to submit to the Inspectorate.

Action Clerk

PT235/14 NFNPA Planning Development Control Committee –

Chair advised no applications were heard concerning Sway, however reported the following, Nordic Farm, Silver Street, which although officially in Hordle does extend back into Sway was refused. There were also relevant papers which members may wish to peruse,

concerning: Proposals for launching the New Forest National Park Building Design Awards in summer 2015; reviewing Certificates of Lawful Development for Residential Use; an appeal decision favouring the NFNPA's refusal to allow a change of use from office to residential dwelling; and the decision to reinforce agricultural ties on an annual basis.

PT236/14 Other Planning Issues – None

PT237/14 Reviewing New or Amended Policies from External Bodies such as the NFNPA, NFDC, DCLG – NFNPA have responded to our consultation on the draft Management Plan. They have taken up one or two of our suggestions but left it similar in overall structure. There will be a formal consultation after the elections.

PT238/14 To Discuss NFNPA “Trees for Life” Initiative.

Was agreed to invite the Senior Tree Officer to visit Sway to consider whether there would be a suitable small area of Jubilee Field (or Stanford Rise Open Space). **Action Clerk**
Cllr Gates reminded the committee that a replacement tree was still required to take the place of the copper beech damaged at Jubilee Field.

PT239/14 Report by the Parish Council’s Transport Representative

The transport representative, (John Warden) reported a disturbing threat to change the current successful Cango roaming strategy with a possibility that it might become a fixed route. John reported he had taken this up with and received support from County Councillors Ken Thornber and Jackie English (Lymington), and a meeting was to be arranged. Also reported that whilst the Cango numbers were not high, (56 rather than 60), this was balanced by the fare paying users which raised the numbers to 59. Also advised that new rules for concessionary travel were to be implemented.

PT240/14 Roads, Hedges and Ditches

The Clerk gave the latest update received on the list of some 40 highways issues that had been discussed and agreed with the HCC Highways Engineers during their visit in February, as follows. A number have already been marked out and work started on some. As previously noted quite a few are not HCC Highways responsibility and they have even offered to pass on a few appropriately – although some are down to adjacent property owners. Also reminded the committee of their request to use the Hantsweb HCC Highways (or Lighting) phone numbers or web forms (this will ensure better results than going via FixMyStreet or via individual officers).

Cllr Golby thanked the Clerk for the report and stated she was to be congratulated for achieving an excellent rapport with the HCC Highways Team, from which Sway was gaining excellent results. The Clerk was also asked to pass the committee's thanks to the HCC Highways Team. **Action Clerk**

PT241/14 Community Speedwatch

Community SpeedWatch (CSW) representative gave a most thorough report (attached) – with mixed messages on the successes in slowing traffic after 750 volunteer hours, and still limited support from Hampshire Police. A suggestion had been made by one of the Boldre volunteers that permanent speedwatch signs be installed. The CSW representative is to check the progress of this as the Clerk reminded committee of the NFNPA's aversion to signage.

The CSW representative also advised that a number of interested CSW visitors would like to come to the Sway Council meeting the Police and Crime Commissioner was due to attend. The Chair advised that whilst this would be as usual an open public meeting, the Commissioner was attending to discuss a number of Sway issues and would be briefed on these before the meeting, therefore such a request would need to go before full Council.

PT242/14 Correspondence and Any Other Business

The Chair advised that a consultation letter re the enlargement of the special needs unit at Tiptoe school had been received, however the committee felt they were not in a position to comment on a building outside of the Sway CP area.

The Chair reminded the meeting that Sway were taking part in the Community Clean Up Day, which was being run countrywide on Saturday 21st March. Volunteers to meet at JF Pavilion at 10.00am, litter pickers and bags had been provided by the NFDC, who were also committed to picking up all the bags, that weekend, free of charge.

Cllr Golby, having declared a non-pecuniary interest, informed the meeting that the building work at the former land of High Forest in Manchester Road was apparently a month away from completion. His concern was that during the building work nearly all of the adjacent verges and a number of the culverts and drains had been damaged. Clerk to contact Senior HCC Highways Engineer to enforce repairs before the builders finally depart. **Action Clerk** Cllr Golby also reported his annoyance that virtually every available wooden surface in Sway and surrounding areas had been fly posted with a notice about the craft fair at the village hall. Reminding the meeting that fly posting was illegal, he observed that the two biggest offenders in the village for publicising events in this way were St Luke's and the village hall and that the posters were rarely removed after the events.

Cllr Dance stated his concerns that he went to work in the morning to the "tune of chainsaws" and returned in the evening to a changed Sway skyline.

The Transport Representative put in a general plea that the residents of Sway increase their use of Cango rather than risk losing the service.

PT243/14 Dates of Next Meeting

The next P&TC meeting will be held on at Jubilee Field Pavilion at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th April 2015

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

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Chair of Committee

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