

Minutes

of the Meeting of

The Planning and Regulatory Committee

Wednesday, 16 August 2023

Castlewood, Clevedon BS21 6FW

Meeting Commenced: 2.30 pm

Meeting Concluded: 3.40 pm

Councillors:

Hugh Malyan (Chairperson)

Robert Payne (Vice-Chairperson)

Chris Blades

Peter Burden

Peter Crew (substitute for Peter Bryant)

Clare Hunt

Stuart McQuillan

Terry Porter

Mike Solomon

Hannah Young

Apologies: Councillors Peter Bryant, Tom Nicholson, Tim Snaden

Absent: Councillor Stuart Davies

Also in attendance: Councillors Jenna Ho Marris, Roger Whitfield

Officers in attendance: Sue Buck (Solicitor - Litigation Team Leader), Michele Chesterman (Committee Services Senior Officer), Charles Cooksley (Planning Officer) and Richard Kent (Head of Planning, Place Directorate).

PAR Chairperson's Welcome

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The Chairperson welcomed everyone to this face-to-face meeting of the Planning & Regulatory Committee in Castlewood, Clevedon.

He explained the arrangements in place for speaking on planning applications under Standing Order 17A, with speakers to be invited to address the committee immediately before an application rather than at the start of the meeting.

The Chairperson then introduced those officers present at the meeting.

PAR 19 Public speaking at planning committees (Standing Order 17 & 17A) (Agenda item 1)

It was noted there were no speakers under Standing Order 17 (public participation on non-planning matters).

Two requests to speak had been received under Standing Order 17A and the speakers would be invited to address the committee immediately prior to the consideration of the application in question (agenda item 6).

PAR 20 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Standing Order 37) (Agenda item 3)

None

PAR 21 Minutes 19 July 2023 (Agenda item 4)

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

PAR 22 Planning Application No 23/P/0194/LDP - Proposed lawful development certificate for use as allotments with ancillary parking and the laying of matting (shown on the specification submitted with the application) for access and parking. Land Off Abbots Leigh Road Abbots Leigh BS8 3QB. (Agenda item 6)

At the invitation of the Chairperson, Rory Stracey, addressed the committee, on behalf of local residents, speaking against the application.

At the invitation of the Chairperson, Christian Samuel, Applicant, addressed the committee speaking in favour of the application.

The Head of Planning (representing the Director of Place) presented the report. He also drew members' attention to the update sheet which had been published the previous day. He referred to the fact that since the update sheet had been circulated a further legal opinion had been received from King's Counsel on behalf of the applicant which concluded that the officers report was based on lawful judgments.

At the invitation of the Chairperson, the ward member, Councillor Jenna Ho Marris, addressed the Committee.

Following debate, it was:

Resolved: that the application be **REFUSED** contrary to the officers' recommendation for the following reason:

Due to its degree of permanency and the change it causes to the nature of the ground and extending over an extensive area the car parking surface constitutes an "other operation" for which planning permission is required.

PAR 23 Planning Appeals 160823 (Agenda item 7)

The Head of Planning reported on appeal decisions and appeals that had been lodged since the date of the last meeting.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

PAR 24 Urgent business permitted by the Local Government Act 1972 (if any) (Agenda item 8)

None

PAR 25 Other matters

The Chairperson explained to the Committee that it was Michele Chesterman's last day with North Somerset and her last committee meeting. He thanked Michele for all her help and support in the short time he had known her. He wished her well in her new role on behalf of the committee who then gave Michele a round of applause.

Chairperson
