

SALTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee
held at Saltford Hall, Wedmore Road, Saltford
26 June 2012 at 7.15pm**

PRESENT: Councillors Kevin Reeves (Chair), Reg Williams (Vice Chair) Kim Johnson, Harvey Haeberling, Rob King, Neil McKen and Jill Williams

1. MINUTES

The Planning Matters section of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 June 2012 were confirmed as a correct record.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for inability to attend this meeting were received from Cllr Duncan Hounsell, and the Officer, Tricia Golinski.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. PUBLIC TIME

There were no members of the public present.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair made the following announcements:

- The Chair has had further discussions with Peter Dappa-Miller regarding the B&NES actions and legal protocols in the event of changes to planning applications after the Parish Council has considered them. It was agreed the Chair would write to Bath & N E Somerset Council
- The Chair advise a tree had fallen into the river and that the responsibility for dealing with it lies with the land owner and the responsibility for enforcement with The Environment Agency and British Waterways

6. NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications to consider:

7. DECISIONS

The Chair reported the following application which had been PERMITTED by Bath & NE Somerset Council:

12/01581/LBA - Saltford Manor, Queens Square, Saltford – External alterations for the erection of a pitched roof extension with a link to the main house following demolition of a flat roofed garage and outbuildings

The Chair reported the following application which had been REFUSED by Bath & NE Somerset Council:

12/01629/FUL - Overwater 6 Homefield Road - Erection of 2 storey side extension - Mr Philip Besley

8. POSSIBLE CONTRAVENTIONS

Various river moorings

It was agreed the Chair would write to Bath & NE Somerset Council to request guidance on appropriate procedures for monitoring residential boats on rivers

10/00021 Saltford Marina, Shower facility

It was agreed the Committee would review this case following completion of works on the site by Western Power Distribution

10/00632 3 Tynning Road rear of The Crown, Caravan on site

It was noted this case has been on-going since 22 October 2008. The Clerk will be requested to ask B&NES for an update and advise them of the timescale of the case.

12/00169/CONSR Bird in Hand, High Street

Cllr Reeves has asked the Clerk to write to B&NES requesting that they advise whether or not the security lighting requires planning consent.

12/00202/ADVERT Tiddlers Nursery 480 Bath Road

12/00203/ADVERT Sposa Elegante 439 Bath Road

The deadline of 11th May for the removal of unauthorised banners has passed and all are still in place. The Clerk will be requested to ask B&NES for an update.

3 Chestnut Walk

B&NES have confirmed this is an enforcement case that they are pursuing.

Footpath BS27/41 from Avon Lane

Cllr R Williams has requested the Clerk reinstate this case on the schedule until such time as it is satisfactorily concluded

Cllr Johnson reported that a communication had been received regarding car sales at Avon Farm, Avon Lane. It was agreed to ask B&NES to investigate these issues in view of past planning decisions for this site.

11. REVIEW OF LAST 12 MONTHS' PLANNING DECISIONS

It was noted that in the last 12 months 50 planning applications in Saltford were considered by B&NES. 11 different case officers were appointed to consider the applications, some had particular specialisms e.g. Listed Buildings. The Committee observed that with such a large number of case officers covering Saltford there was probably little scope for an individual officer having detailed knowledge of the village. The Committee acknowledged there were no particular adverse patterns in the ways planning applications had been handled by case officers.

The Committee agreed to continue monitoring planning decisions.

12. ITEMS OF URGENT INFORMATION

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

DATE OF NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING: 17 July 2012

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: 3 July 2012

Chairman.....

Date confirmed and signed.....