CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the
Planning & Highways Committee
Chard Town Council held on Monday 15th July
in the Town Hall at 6.30pm.

Present: Councillors:

Councillors A. J. Prior (Chairman)
D Bulmer
Mrs. B Halse
Ms. S Pittwood
M Wale

In Attendance:

Sarah Robson - Town Clerk.
Victoria Cable – Administrative Assistant
There were 2 members of the public and 1 member of the press in attendance.

Public Participation Time

The Chairman of the Mitchell Gardens Residents Association spoke briefly about the proposed parking restrictions at Mitchell Gardens, and the current issues that residents of Mitchell Gardens are currently facing due to the high volume of parked cars on the road side. The Mitchell Gardens Residents Association are not against all of the roads being parked on, they are just against the corners being parked on due to safety and visibility issues.

Tony Prior also spoke about the proposed waiting restrictions at Mitchell Gardens having submitted a formal objection the Somerset County Council. Tony Prior objects to the proposals of having waiting restrictions due to the fact that the road is an estate road only and not a through road serving other parts of the town. The road is only an access road to Bruton Way and Mitchell Gardens with no egress due to the Mitchell Gardens Residents Association objecting to having an egress. If Mitchell Gardens is to have parking restrictions then various other areas of the Town will also need to have the same restrictions.

38. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given

Councillor A G Forsyth – Work Commitments

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies and approve the reasons given

39. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor AJ Prior declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in Agenda Item # 43 Item #2 – having submitted a formal objection to Somerset County Council about the parking restrictions at Mitchell Gardens.

40. Planning & Highways Committee Meeting - Minutes - To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 17th June 2013 (previously circulated). LGA 1972, Sch 12 para41(1).

RESOLVED – that the minutes of Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on the Monday 17th June 2013 be signed as a correct record.

The Chairman brought forward agenda item #43 Item #2 to allow the members of the public present to hear the debate and give them the option to leave the meeting afterwards.

Councillor Prior declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Agenda Item # 43, Item #2 on the basis of submitting a formal objection about the proposals.

18.40pm Councillor Prior left the meeting

Councillor Wale took the Chair for this part of the meeting due to Councillor Prior having declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in this item.

43. Highways
Item # 2 SCC— Mitchell Gardens, Chard
To consider proposed waiting restrictions (A plan of the proposed restricted waiting areas will be displayed on the planning boards during the meeting.)

Members were all given the opportunity to express their views about the proposed waiting restrictions. After debate, it was proposed to accept the recommendations made by Somerset County Council.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs. B Halse Seconded: Cllr Ms. S Pittwood

For: 3 Abstain: 1 Against: 0

RESOLVED – To accept Somerset County Council's proposed waiting restrictions at Mitchell Gardens.

18.55pm Councillor Prior returned to the meeting and took his position of the Chairman.

41. To consider the following planning applications:-

Avishayes Ward **Cllr G Forysth**

1. 13/02425/FUL; Alterations and erection of two storey extension. 33 Middle Touches, Chard, Somerset TA20 1NX. Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Louise Bird. **CB**

Recommend: Approval

Combe Ward **Cllr M Wale**

1. 13/01806/LBC; External alterations to include the replacement of 1 No. first floor window. Albert Goodman, 57 Fore Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1QA. Mr. Nicholas Drysdale. **LB**

Recommend: Approval

2. 13/02156/FUL; Part change of use of ground floor and first floor unit (unit 3) from financial and professional services (Use Class A2) to 1 No. dwellinghouse. 28 Fore Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1PT. Mrs. Dianne Stacey. **DW**

Recommend: Approval

Holyrood Ward **Cllr Mrs. B Halse**

1. 13/02396/COU; Change of use to first floor from offices (use class B1) to residential (Use class C3). Retrospective Application. 58 Fore Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1QA. Mr. Ahmet Ozsevgec. **LB**

Recommend: Approval

Jocelyn Ward **Cllrs Ms. S Pittwood and D. Bulmer**

1. 13/02251/FUL; The erection of a totem sign with timber surround and replacement trolley bays. Tesco, Tapstone Road, Chard, Somerset TA20 2LW. Tesco Stores Ltd. **LB**

Recommend: Approval

2. 13/02393/FUL; Change of use from B1 (light industrial) to B2 (food production), erection of extensions for small Loading Bay and Packaged Chill Store. Oscar Mayer Ltd, Millfield Industrial Estate, Millfield, Chard, Somerset TA20 2BB. Mr. Joe Clack **LB**

Recommend: Approval

3. 13/02250/ADV; The display of various illuminated and non illuminated car park, petrol filling station and building signage. Tesco, Tapstone Road, Chard, Somerset TA20 2LW. Tesco Store Ltd. **LB**

Recommend: Approval

42. To consider Sunday Parking Restrictions and enforcement actions

A discussion took place about the existing Sunday Parking Restrictions and the signs that are displayed around the town. It was decided that further clarification was needed from Somerset County Council with regards to the legality of the new signs and the parking enforcement as it was believed that the enforcement was only in place from Monday – Saturday, but new signs now say Monday – Sunday. If the enforcement has been changed there should have been a consultation about the proposed changes. Town Council has acknowledged the change to the parking restriction time from 30 minutes to 60 minutes and is happy with this change.
It was also agreed that Town Council would include in the response to Somerset County Council that they should not be issuing parking tickets in legitimate parking areas.

Proposed: Cllr AJ Prior

For: Unanimous.

RESOLVED – For the Town Council to send a response to Somerset County Council to check the legality of the new parking enforcement signs and to seek clarification on the enforcement time period for Chard. To also mention in the response that SCC should not be issuing parking tickets to cars parked in legitimate parking areas.

43. Highways

Item # 1 – SCC - Temporary Road Closure
Notification of a temporary road closure at Combe Hill, Combe St Nicholas from 8th August 2013 and is expected to last for 5 days excluding weekends to enable resurfacing works to be carried out. (A plan of the alternative route will be displayed on the planning boards during the meeting.)

Noted

44. Tree Preservation Orders

Item # 1 – The South Somerset District (Chard No. 1) Tree Preservation Order 2013 (Land east of Crimchard).

Recommend: Approval subject to the approval of SSDC's Arborist.

45. Correspondence

Item #1 – SSDC Planning Application, Chaffcombe

The below application has been sent to us for information, it is not in the Parish of Chard but it is adjacent to it.
13/02607/FUL; Erection of gas bottle store, oil tanks and open fronted material store. Alterations and conversion of existing storage building to form office accommodation/ restroom and toilet facilities. PJ and J Dearden (Chard) Ltd, Chaffcombe Depot, Chaffcombe Road, Chard, Somerset TA20 1RR. **JM**

Noted – To respond to SSDC to confirm that the Town Council has no objections to the above plan in Chaffcombe.

45. To receive notification of Planning Determinations received from SSDC

13/00648/LBC; Internal and External alterations to include change of use of ground floor from office to osteopath and formation of disabled access on west elevation. Ravensworth, 30 Fore Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1PT. Mr. R.Cridge
SSDC Grant Consent
CTC Recommend Approval

13/00647/FUL; Change of use of ground floor from office to osteopath and formation of disabled access on west elevation. Ravensworth, 30 Fore Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1PT. Mr. R.Cridge
SSDC Grant Permission
CTC Recommend Approval

13/00222/FUL; The erection of a pair of semi detached dwellings. Land rear of 16 High Street, Chard, Somerset. Mr. R.Holland
SSDC Refuse Permission
CTC Recommend Refusal

13/01457/FUL; Demolish existing workshop/store and erection of detached dwellinghouse. Store Hornsley Rear of Crimchard, Chard, Somerset TA20 1JY. Mr. Richard Mutton.
THE APPLICATION IS NOW WITHDRAWN

13/01937/LBC; External alterations to include replacement of upvc door and window on rear elevation. Ammonite Lodge, 43 High Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1QL. Mr. Jeremy Hudson.
SSDC Grant Consent
CTC Recommend Approval

13/01106/LBC; External alterations and the display of 3 No. externally illuminated fascia signs. 17 Fore Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1PP. Mr. Terry Harney.
THE APPLICATION IS NOW WITHDRAWN

13/01105/ADV; The display of 3 No. externally illuminated fascia signs. 17 Fore Street, Chard, Somerset TA20 1PP. Mr. Terry Harney.
THE APPLICATION IS NOW WITHDRAWN

13/01899/FUL; Change of use of recreational land to communal gardens for Bishops Court, relocation of boundary fence. Land at Jocelyn Park, Millfield, Chard, Somerset TA20 2BP. Mr. Lee Hart
SSDC Grant Permission
CTC No Recommendation – Land owned by CTC

The decisions were noted

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.11pm