CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held Monday 25th November 2024 commencing at 18:30 hours in The Town Hall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP.

Members present: Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Tim Eggins, Cllr Hussey (Deputy Chair)

Officers present:
DSO; Beverley Newman

Public Participation Time
There were 3 members of the public present. A presentation was delivered on Plant Based Councils.:

"In considering the health, economic and environmental advantages of a plant-based diet we are here to ask this council to declare itself a 'plant-based council'.

What this means is that the council would promote the concept of Somerset residents taking on a more sustainable and nutritionally balanced lifestyle.
The council would declare itself, ideally, as 100% plant-based for any interior catering and in other areas of influence by promoting the benefits of a plant-based diet in any printed or online material it produces.
This is not an attack on personal life choices… but a move towards acknowledgment of the harms of over reliance on animal agriculture.

The intensive overuse of livestock in agriculture is the number one contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions, the collapse of ecological balance and a 75% loss of global biodiversity in the past fifty years. It is shameful that, in a drought, flood, fire and hunger-stricken world that we continue to support environmental destruction abroad by importing plants to feed livestock animals which only produce up to one tenth of the protein produced by the plants they consume. It is even more shameful that the carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide emissions produced 'off shore' are not included in the UK's emissions statistics.

We empathize with the plight of Somerset farmers confronted with the rapidly escalating damage being done to their industry as a result of erratic weather systems. Meaningful, properly targeted financial support through Government initiatives must be implemented to enable farmers to adapt their businesses to more sustainable, local, secure food production systems.

In declaring this council to be a Plant-based Council you would be joining the rapidly growing list of progressive UK councils who have taken this simple yet fundamental step" towards a healthier, financially and food secure future for your residents. You have a list of the degree to which various councils have committed to promoting a plant-based lifestyle.

Posting the Plant-based policy statement on your website would validate your commitment to meaningful climate action.

Committee thanked the members of the public for attending and the informative presentation.

Cllr Bulmer speaking as a member of the public, stated he wished to request that applications which though not within the Chard boundary but could significantly impact the residents of Chard, such as 18/04057/OUT at Land East Of Mount Hindrance Farm Mount Hindrance Lane Chard, should have representation of the Chard Planning & Highways Committee at the Planning South Committee

2024/68 **Apologies for absence from the following Cllrs were accepted.:**
Cllr Greif-Page, (Chair) & Cllr Watson – personal.

Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous.

2024/69 **Declarations of interest:**
No declarations of interest were made.

2024/70 **Minutes:**
Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous.

Resolved: The minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on the 28th October 2024 were agreed as an accurate account

2024/71 **Planning Applications**

a) **Application Number**: 24/02442/HOU

Proposal: Two storey rear extension and change of front flat roof to pitched tiled roof

Location: 28 Nursery Gardens Chard Somerset TA20 1HH

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lane

Application Type: Householder Application

Proposed: Cllr Eggins Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous.

Resolved: That the Planning & Highways committee support this application.

b) **Application Number:** 24/02567/HOU

Proposal: Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension (Conservatory).

Location: 1 Bondfield Way Chard Somerset TA20 1LE

Applicant: Mr And Mrs Divers

Application Type: Householder application

Proposed: Cllr Eggins **Seconded:** Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous.

Resolved: That the Planning & Highways Committee support this application.

c) **Application Number:** **21/00343/FUL**
Proposal: Internal remodelling and conversion of upper two floors to create 1 unit of residential accommodation (C3)

Location: 25 Fore Street Chard Somerset TA20 1PP

Applicant: Mr Derick Hutter

Application Type: Full application

Proposed: Cllr Hussey **Seconded:** Cllr Eggins
Unanimous.

Resolved: That the Planning & Highways Committee support this application.

d) **Application Number:** **24/02652/HOU**

Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension

Location: 5 Bewley Court Chard Somerset TA20 1LP

Applicant: Mr & Ms C & D Down

Applicant Type: Householder Application

Proposed: Cllr Bulmer **Seconded:** Cllr Hussey
Unanimous.

Resolved: That the Planning & Highways Committee support this application

2024/72 **Tree Applications:**
There were no tree applications for consideration

2022/73 **Date of next meeting**
The next scheduled meeting will be **Monday 23rd December** 2024,18.30 at the Guildhall, Fore St, Chard. TA201PP

The Committee Vice Chair Cllr Hussey thanked everyone present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 18.50

CHAIR: **DATE:** 7.1.25