

MINUTES OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14 APRIL 2014 IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs B Haddock, in the Chair
Councillors: Mrs B Mansfield, P Ruffles

In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, Cllr Mrs Haddock was elected Chairman for the duration of the meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Tricia Carpenter – Civic Administration Manager
1 Member of the public

471. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr N Wilson (Holiday), Cllr D Poole (Family Commitment) and Cllr R Willis (Holiday)

472. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr P Ruffles	DPI	3/14/0543/LB – Hertford Museum	Trustee of the Museum
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473. THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee Meeting held on 31 March 2014 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings, and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same.

474. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT DEALT WITH ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA – PAPER A

The Committee was pleased to note that the listed building application for the Flag Pole at Shire Hall had now been submitted.

Proliferation of Signage, Hertingfordbury Road/Entrance to Mimram Road. The Committee noted at the weekend there were 12 free standing signs on the A414 in this area, in addition to the signs on the building and it was requested that a further letter be sent to Planning enforcement to seek the removal of these signs.

Bollywoods – No response had been received to date regarding enforcement action at Bollywoods.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The report be noted.

475. QUESTIONS AND/OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

476. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered current planning applications, and commented as follows:

3/14/0334/FP/JS	19 Millmead Road	Single storey rear extension
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No objection		
3/14/0534/FP/AK	63 Cromwell Road	Single storey rear extension and additional windows
No objection		
3/14/0480/FP/SD	57 Molewood Road	Demolition of existing commercial buildings and erection of 3no three bedroom dwellings and associated external works restoration of riverbank, off street parking and landscaping
The Committee would wish to see the addition of chimney stacks to the dwellings to maintain the vision of the street scape.		
3/14/0544/FP/MC	13 Magnolia Close	Two storey side extension – revised scheme
No objection		
3/14/0483/FP/AK	156 The Avenue	Loft conversion with rear dormer and conservation roof windows to front
No objection		
3/14/0543/LB/SD	Hertford Museum, 18 Bull Plain	Timber shutter inserts to rear elevation alcoves to-from storage space for garden tools
This application was deferred. The Committee was no longer quorate following Cllr Ruffles' DPI declaration.		
3/14/0550/FP/MC	137 Bengeo Street	Double storey side extension
No objection		
3/14/0546/FP/JS	4 Sele Road	Single storey rear extension and front dormer window
The addition of the front dormer would be out of keeping with the street scene, and whilst the property was not in the Conservation Area but adjacent to it and would affect the look of the Conservation Area.		
3/14/0366/FP/MC	35 North Road	Rear/side conservatory extension, detached double garage and store. New gates and piers to front and rear entrances. New garden wall and gate to rear
The Committee was concerned regarding the parking displacement, given that the garages in the block to be demolished were rented out.		
3/14/0367/LB/MC	35 North Road	Rear/side conservatory extension. New fenestration on all elevations, including Juliet balcony to south elevation. Internal alterations, restoration and refurbishment
The addition of the Juliet balcony was considered out of keeping with the 1827 properties.		
3/14/0565/FP/SD	136 Fore Street	Replacement shop front and replacement side window
No objection		
3/14/0566/LB/SD	25 West Street	Replacement of stone steps to front door
The Committee appreciated the care and time that had gone into attempting to keep		

the original stone, however it recognised that the time may have come to replace the fabric.

3/14/0541/FP/AK	4 The Chestnuts	Extension of existing driveway and dropped kerb. External cladding and alterations to windows and installation of Juliet balconies to front
No objection		

3/14/0459/LB/JS	Morgans JMI School, Morgans Road	Works to existing glass lantern lights to the roofs to be refurbished
No objection		

3/14/0567/FP/SD	82 Fore Street	Change of use to A4 (Drinking establishment) with music and entertainment
The Committee regretted the change of use and it was requested that the District Council be urged to adopt a formal policy within the new District Plan to restrict a change of use where a proliferation of similar establishments already existed in a town.		

3/14/0574/FP/AK	30 The Avenue	Single storey side and rear extension with pitched roof. Replacement of flat roof to existing.
No objection, although the Committee was disappointed at the loss of the garage.		

Councillor Ruffles declared that any views expressed about applications were on the evidence before him so far, and at this meeting. He reserved the right to speak on additional evidence, which may be presented to him subsequently as a District Councillor.

477. DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY AND EAST HERTS COUNCILS

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The decision notices from East Herts Council be noted.

478. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

479. RIVER DREDGING

The Committee requested that a letter be forwarded to the Environment Agency seeking information regarding the recent flooding in Hertford and to ascertain what may be done better in the future. It was also requested that information be sought as to whether dredging, as a way of increasing capacity in the water courses, was needed. A meeting with Environment Agency Officers in the autumn was also requested

480. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

1. Rush Green Roundabout – traffic issues caused by overflow from petrol station and McDonalds. County Cllr to be invited to attend future meeting to discuss a resolution.

Meeting closed at 6.55pm