

MINUTES OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1 OCTOBER 2012 IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor N Wilson, in the Chair
Councillors Mrs B Haddock, D Poole, P Ruffles, R Radford and R Willis

IN ATTENDANCE: Tricia Carpenter (minutes)

198. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

199. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None			
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200. THE MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The Minutes of the Sub-Committee Meeting held on 17 September 2012 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings, and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same.

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

Flag Pole at Shire Hall

It was noted that a meeting between the parties had been arranged to take place on 15 November 2012.

Gate at Millbridge

Despite letters and telephone messages left with the Management Company, it was noted that no progress had been made to repair the broken gate lock.

Fountain at Old Cross

It was noted that restoration work had commenced on the Fountain.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The action sheet be noted.

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

None.

203. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

3/12/1326/FP/MC	Land adj Robin Hill House, High Molewood	Erection of building comprising stable, tack room, and hay store.
No objection		

3/12/1446/FP/MC	35 Millstream Close	Single storey rear extension and rear raised patio.
No objection		
3/12/1447/FP/TA	8 Parliament Square	Conversion of first floor offices to 1 No.2 bedroom flat.
No objection		
3/12/1455/FP/LP	The Gate House, Bluecoats Avenue	Replacement porch, first floor side extension and replacement of flat roofs with hipped slate roof to match original, extending existing light wells to form basement area with retaining wall, new metal railings and external steps. Extend existing openings and new front doorways.
Concern was expressed that the proposal appeared to alter the essence of the original building as a gatehouse. Additionally it was felt that the proposed front porch did not sit well with the building, and it was suggested that the proposed design of the porch on the extension would be better suited to the building.		
3/12/1456/LB/LP	The Gate House, Bluecoats Avenue	Replacement porch, first floor side extension and replacement of flat roofs with hipped slate roof to match original, extending existing light wells to form basement area with retaining wall, new metal railings, and external steps. Internal alterations including removal of modern partitions extending existing openings and forming two new doorways.
Concern was expressed that the proposed extension would change the identity of the gatehouse and would be a dilution of its historical purpose. The proposed porch design did not fit with the building.		
3/12/1491/FP/TA	118 North Road	Two storey side and rear extension
The Committee regretted the loss of both the garage and front garden, which it was felt would alter the character of the street scene.		
3/12/1506/AD/SD	33 Castle Street	Pictorial sign, door plaque, house name panel, cartouche and lettering
No objection		
3/12/1507/LB/SD	33 Castle Street	Pictorial sign, door plaque, house name panel, cartouche and lettering
No objection		
3/12/1499/FP/SD	The Old Reservoir, 89 Port Hill	Erection of single storey rear extension and veranda canopy. Erection of two storey side extension
No objection		
3/12/1524/FP/JS	The Firs, High Molewood	First floor side extension and two storey side and rear extensions
No objection		
3/12/1533/FP/TA	17 Fordwich Hill	First floor side extension and two storey rear extension
The Committee was disappointed to note that no chimney stacks had been included on		

the roofline. Although it was noted that there was currently no chimney stacks on the building, a chimney would have been included on the original 1930's design. It was felt that the blandness of the roof structure could be enhanced by the inclusion of a protuberance. Concern was also expressed to the creation of a terracing effect when the proposed extension was combined with the extension on the neighbouring property.

3/12/1541/FP/MC	139 The Avenue	First floor rear extension
The proposed extension was considered to be slightly overbearing and bordered on overdevelopment.		

3/12/1553/FP/MC	57 Port Hill	Single storey orangery extension to side elevation
No objection		

3/12/1562/FP/JS	The Willows, 14B Warren Park Road	First floor side extension, single storey rear extension, detached garage and creation of a new vehicular access
No objection		

Councillors R Radford, P Ruffles and N Wilson declared that any views expressed about applications were on the evidence before them so far, and at this meeting. They reserved the right to speak on additional evidence, which may be presented to them subsequently as District Councillors.

204. DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY AND EAST HERTS COUNCILS

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The review of decision notices from East Herts Council be noted.

205. CORRESPONDENCE

Appeals

The following appeal to be determined by the informal hearing procedure was noted:

3/12/0749/AD Sainsbury's, Hartham Lane

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The appeals be noted.

206. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

Correspondence had been received from Groundwork regarding available grant funding of up to £1000 to promote or enhance existing rights of way to benefit the local community.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The correspondence be noted.

207. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

The Committee had received correspondence from East Herts Council seeking a recommended street name for the new development at the site of the Old Police Station on Ware Road.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

One of the following suggestions be considered for acceptance:

Kingsmead Close
Kingsmead Orchard
The Nik
Gallows Way
Gallows Law
Constable's Walk

208. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None.

The meeting closed at 6.55 pm.