

**MINUTES OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2013 IN THE ROBIN ROOM, THE CASTLE, HERTFORD AT 6.00PM**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Tricia Carpenter (Civic Administration Manager)

**339. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Mrs S Newton (Unwell) and Cllr D Poole (Home Commitment)

**340. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Willis	Disclosable Pecuniary	3/13/0098/FP – 149 Cecil Road	Member of the Riversmead Tenants Association
Cllr Wilson	Personal	3/13/0146/FP – 124 Cecil Road	Previous owner of property and knows the applicants.
Cllr Ruffles	Disclosable Pecuniary	SLUP/CC0468 – St Andrew's Primary School, Calton Road	Member of Hertfordshire County Council

**341. THE MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee Meeting held on 28 January 2013 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings, and the Chairman was authorised to sign the same.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The action sheet be noted.

**343. QUESTIONS AND/OR STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None.

**344. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

3/12/1964/FP/TA	69-71 The Avenue	Change of use to Veterinary consulting rooms
Objection: The proposal would result in the loss of a useful and well patronised facility which makes an important contribution to the vitality of the parade of shops and the Council finds it hard to imagine this would be achieved through the proposed use. The Town Council was anxious to ensure that the shop window should retain its open A1 type appearance if the proposal was approved. The Council is also persuaded by members of the public who have voiced their concerns that the traffic movements		

associated with the new use merit close consideration in planning terms. The Council found it hard to understand how the proposed facility would operate in connection with the surgery just a mile away, and fears that there would be unnecessary vehicular movement involved in driving sick animals from this application site to the surgery. It fears that a further application would follow to enable the facility to conduct operations on animals and other associated uses.

3/12/2111/FP/JS	7 Links Avenue	Single storey front extension with pitched roof
No objection		

3/13/0086/FP/TA	The Old Barge, 2 The Folly	Form new seating area to part of existing car park, build new boundary wall between car park and footpath. Form new external bar and food servery building.
Objection – The proposed boundary wall would cause the street called The Folly to be severely adversely impacted. The height of the wall was overbearing and would impose significantly on the street scene.		

3/13/0095/FP/JS	26 Watermill Lane	Single storey side extension with accommodation in roof space
No objection		

3/13/0098/FP/JS	149 Cecil Road	External disabled step lift
No objection Note: Having previously declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, Cllr Willis left the room during the discussion on this item.		

3/138/0117/FP/MC	56 Fordwich Rise	Two storey side and rear extension.
No objection		

3/13/0146/FP/TA	124 Cecil Road	First floor rear extension and dormer window
No objection		

3/13/0153/LB/JS	Chauncy Court, Railway Street	Creation of a new internal reception office within the newer section of the building
No objection		

SLUP/CCO468	St Andrews JMI, Calton Avenue	Retention of modular classroom for a further period of seven years.
No objection. Note: Having previously declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, Cllr Ruffles left the room during the discussion on this item.		

Councillors 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.

### 345. DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY AND EAST HERTS COUNCILS

It was **RESOLVED** that:

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

#### 346. CORRESPONDENCE

##### Appeals

To note the following appeal decision from the Planning Inspectorate:

3/12/0749/AD            Sainsburys, Hartham Lane.  
Appeal Allowed

It was **RESOLVED** that:

The appeal decision be noted.

##### Street Naming and Numbering

New development to rear of 10-12 The Wash

The Developer had suggested the name St Nicholas Court, however the Committee considered that this would be confused with the nearby Nicholas Road. The Committee therefore considered that Maidenhead Yard, which is the current name for that area was most appropriate.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

Maidenhead Yard be recommended to East Herts Council for adoption.

#### 347. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Proposed Stopping Up of Highway at Railway Street.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.