

Planning Committee Minutes 17- 09 - 2020

Minutes of a meeting of Frome Town Council's Planning Committee

Date: Thursday 17th September 2020

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Online Zoom Meeting

Present:

Frome Town Planning Committee Councillors: Richard Ackroyd, Mark Dorrington, Sheila Gore, Anne Hills, Paul Horton (Deputy Chair) and Steve Tanner (Chair)

In attendance:

Members of the public: 2

Press: Nub News

Mendip District Councillors: Helen Kay

Jane Llewellyn, Planning and Development Manager

Hannah Paniccia, Assistant Finance Officer

Minute Ref	Agenda Item	Action
2020/046P	<p>1 QUESTIONS, COMMENTS AND INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC</p> <p>None</p>	
2020/047P	<p>2 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>Cllr Lizzie Boyle Cllr Anita Collier Cllr John Nelson</p> <p>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS</p> <p>None</p> <p>MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the Planning Advisory Group meeting held on 27 August 2020 were agreed.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Anne Hills, seconded by Cllr Mark Dorrington, agreed unanimously.</p>	
2020/048P	<p>3 TO DISCUSS APPLICATION 20/06775/WCM SUBMITTED TO WILTSHIRE COUNCIL FOR AN INCINERATOR IN WESTBURY. THE APPLICATION DETAILS CAN BE FOUND HERE</p> <p>Jane Llewellyn stated that she had received a request from a member of public for the Town Council to look at the propose incinerator application in Westbury.</p> <p>Nadia Evans raised her concerns with this application which included incinerating not being renewable energy, creation of dioxins, the incinerator producing up to 40% residue that consists of bottom ash and fly ash and lorries that will have to dispose of toxic waste which will increase Co2.</p> <p>Jane summarised an email received from Mendip District Cllr Michael Dunk which raised the following concerns. These included the prevailing South West wind blowing towards Frome, the proximity to the built-up area, the amount of HGV vehicle movements using the local roads 24 hours a day, which will add to the air and noise pollution, the lack of information regarding the technology to mitigate and monitor the flue gases, harmful chemicals and that Frome Town Council, Mendip District Council and Wiltshire Council have declared a climate and ecological emergency, burning of waste will create more greenhouse gases and we have tight targets to reduce them, emissions and dioxins.</p> <p>Cllr Horton said he totally agrees with opposing to this application because of all the reasons already stated. Incinerators have come about because we produce far too much waste and if we then deal with the waste by burning it, we then have to continue producing too much waste in order to feed the incinerator. When actually we need to be</p>	

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	<p>reducing our waste so creating more incinerators, when there are already some close by for example Avonmouth, we have to continue producing more and more waste which is counterproductive.</p> <p>Jane mentioned that FTC have objected to all of the previous application on the basis of the increase of traffic and pollution over the town.</p> <p>Cllr Gore asked if anyone knew more about the Avonmouth site. Cllr Gore mentioned she seen in a Somerset Waste newsletter that the plant was modern and had a high burning rate so that there were very low pollutants, but maybe that will not get rid of the amount of ash. If we have one in Avonmouth do we need one in Westbury? If Avonmouth is a high end, modern version why are we getting another alternative so close. I would like to disagree with the one at Westbury but I would like to know more about this form of waste disposal, as waste is a big problem.</p> <p>Cllr Ackroyd mentioned that there is a big incinerator on the way to Gloucester, is this the same sort of size and same kind of incinerator? Nadia Evans said it is exactly the same technology.</p> <p>Cllr Gore asked if there is a website that has information on the Westbury incinerator? Jane mentioned there are several campaign groups on Facebook. Lenka Grimes confirmed that there is a Facebook group called WAAG.</p> <p>Cllr Horton mentioned that having an incinerator doesn't give anyone an incentive to change, and an excuse for manufactures to carry on as they are.</p> <p>Cllr Hills added that it is a disincentive in the plastic industry to recycle, so if it is burnt and then therefore cannot be recycled they will need to keep producing virgin plastic.</p> <p>Jane stated that anyone can make representations on planning applications.</p> <p>Cllr Horton asked if making the objections Frome-based has any weight? As we don't want the pollution over Frome but we don't want them over Westbury either. Jane replied the issues were listed as a whole then as Frome specifically. It won't strengthen the objection but it will say to residents of Frome and Westbury that we are objecting on behalf of the residents in Frome but also thinking about Westbury residents at the same time.</p> <p>Cllr Hills asked to add to question the need for it given the Swindon and Avonmouth incinerators proximity.</p> <p>Cllr Tanner said it doesn't sit with our declared climate emergency.</p> <p>The response for this application Objection</p> <p>The proposal will increase vehicle movement through Frome and this will mean an increase in the associated pollution from those vehicles, which will have an impact on the residents of Frome and the Environment. The proposal will also mean an increase in greenhouse gases and toxins from the incinerator, which will drift towards Frome, again having an impact on the residents of Frome and the environment.</p> <p>Frome Town Council, Mendip District Council and Somerset County Council have all declared a Climate and Environmental emergency, we should be encouraging people to produce less waste rather than providing additional incinerators. There are already two incinerators within close proximity, at Swindon & Bristol.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Anne Hills, seconded by Cllr Rich Ackroyd, agreed unanimously.</p>	
2020/049P	<p>4 TO CONSIDER THE MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – APPENDIX 1</p> <p>Please see all responses in the table below, this section of the minutes records which applications were discussed and the Cllrs votes for each response.</p>	

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	<p>ID 363 - Proposed by Cllr Anne Hills, seconded by Cllr Sheila Gore, agreed unanimously.</p> <p>ID 364 - Proposed by Cllr Mark Dorrington, seconded by Cllr Rich Ackroyd, agreed unanimously.</p> <p>ID 365 - Proposed by Cllr Mark Dorrington, seconded by Cllr Rich Ackroyd, agreed unanimously.</p> <p>ID 371 – Cllr Ackroyd asked if any trees will be lost due to the plans of this application. Jane said that it is not clear on the plans.</p> <p>It was agreed that the response for all of the other applications listed in appendix 1 would be no objections. Proposed by Cllr Rich Ackroyd, seconded by Cllr Paul Horton, agreed unanimously.</p>	
2020/050P	<p>5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be at 7pm on 8 October 2020. Details to be confirmed.</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.57pm

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363	2020/1570/HSE	30B The Butts Frome	Frome Park	Mr Nicholas Carter	Installation of two Velux windows to the rear and timber framed obscure glazed window in gable end (re-submission of 2019/2206/HSE)	Mr Josh Cawsey	Householder Application	No objection - We see from the neighbours comments on line that there is some concern about noise and would encourage the applicant to open a dialogue with them regarding this.
364	2020/1595/FUL	The Packhorse Inn 13 - 14 Christchurch Street West Frome	Frome Market	Mr I Webb	Erection of boundary wall and gates (retrospective)	Mrs Lorna Elstob	Full Application	Objection - We fully support the reopening of the pub, however the use of red brick is this location is inappropriate. We understand the desire to extend the outdoor seating area from that approved, however we feel the current location of the wall extends the area too much. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss an acceptable alternative location with the applicants.
365	2020/1596/LBC	The Packhorse Inn 13 - 14 Christchurch Street West Frome	Frome Market	Mr I Webb	Erection of boundary wall and gates (retrospective)	Mrs Lorna Elstob	Listed Building Consent	Objection - We fully support the reopening of the pub, however the use of red brick is this location is inappropriate. We understand the desire to extend the outdoor seating area from that approved, however we feel the current location of the wall extends the area too much. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss an acceptable alternative location with the applicants.
366	2020/1593/HSE	11 Garston Road Frome	Frome Keyford	Mr & Mrs Mason	Single storey rear extension, alteration of window to the back elevation and new wood burning stove flue	Charlotte Rogers	Householder Application	No objection
367	2020/1586/HSE	88 Oakfield Road Frome	Frome Oakfield	Mr & Mrs Jane & Tom McEwan	Single storey rear extension (retrospective)	Charlotte Rogers	Householder Application	No objection

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368	2020/1653/HSE	112 Wyville Road Frome	Frome Berkley Down	MR AND MRS K BEAL	Erection of single storey rear extension	Mr Josh Cawsey	Householder Application	No objection
369	2020/1636/ICA	21 Nunney Road Frome	Frome Oakfield	Stott	G1 2 x Goat Willow - remove approx 4m in height and lateral spread	Bo Walsh	Works/Felling Trees in a CA	No objection
370	2020/1641/ICA	80 Broadway Frome	Frome Oakfield	Mr Dean Thomas	T1 - Elder - Fell.	Bo Walsh	Works/Felling Trees in a CA	No objection
371	2020/1622/FUL	35 Chaffinch Avenue Frome	Frome College	Mrs Katie Marshall	Erection of two storey side extension	Miss Jennifer Alvis	Householder Application	No objection
372	2020/1541/HSE	85 Weymouth Road Frome	Frome Park	Christina Geobel	Erection of a single storey side and rear extension and creation of 1no. parking space (resubmission of 2020/0975/HSE)	Mr Josh Cawsey	Householder Application	No objection
373	2020/1688/ICA	Land South Of 4 The Cedars Frome	Frome Berkley Down	John Haynes	T1 - T6 - Sycamores - Reduce north side of trees by 2m and prune back to sound pruning points.	Bo Walsh	Works/Felling Trees in a CA	No objection

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374	2020/1701/ LBC	The Maltings 3 Willow Vale Frome	Frome Market	Mr Malcolm Spencer	Removal of existing velux windows and installation of 2 conservation roof lights. Remove existing polycarbonate sheets and construct new metal-framed glass roof. Internal alterations (refer to Heritage Statement) (resubmission of 2020/0942/LBC)	Miss Jayne Boldy	Listed Building Consent	No objection
375	2020/1758/ TPO	Critchill Grange 99 Nunney Road Frome	Frome Oakfield	Ms Alison Townley	T1 - T2 Yew Trees. Prune by 1-2m all round	Bo Walsh	Works/Felling Trees in a CA	No objection