

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

Date: 21st September 2023

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Frome Town Hall, Christchurch St West, Frome BA11 1EB & Zoom

Present:

Frome Town Planning Committee Councillors: Fiona Barrows, Phillip Campagna, Andy Jones, Polly Lamb, Lisa Merryweather, Steve Tanner, Mark Dorrington

Somerset Councillor on Zoom: Helen Kay

In attendance:

Members of the public: 0

Members of the public on Zoom: 0

Jane Lewellyn, Planning and Development Manager

Hannah Paniccia, Assistant Finance Officer

Catherine Warburton, Planning and Development Officer

Table 1 – Agenda items

Minute Ref	Agenda Item	Action
2023/073P	<p>1 QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC</p> <p>Councillor Steve Tanner mentioned that he met with Jane (Planning and Development Manager) and Bo Walsh (Somerset’s Tree Officer) and discussed tree applications and the lack of information, evidence and photographs which make it hard to make the right decisions. Bo has asked that the Planning Committee ask for further information when applications do not have all the necessary information required to make an informed decision.</p> <p>Councillor Andy Jones asked about the repair to the cobbles on Gentle Street that had been tarmacked. Jane reassured Cllr Andy Jones that she had been in touch with Somerset Highways and this is a temporary measure to ensure the highway is safe and that they will be repairing back to similar materials as previous as soon as they can. Somerset Highways have asked us to be patient as they are currently very busy but it is on their list.</p> <p>Catherine (Planning and Development Officer) mentioned that NatWest has done a good job on the repairs.</p>	
2023/074P	<p>2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>None</p>	
2023/075P	<p>3 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS</p> <p>ID 329 – Andy Jones declared that the applicant is a friendly neighbour.</p>	
2023/076P	<p>4 TO AGREE TO THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10 August 2023</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Andy Jones, seconded by Cllr Polly Lamb, agreed unanimously</p>	

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2023/077P	<p>5 TO CONSIDER THE MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – APPENDIX 1</p> <p>ID 323 – Proposed by Cllr Mark Dorrington, seconded by Cllr Philip Campagna, agreed unanimously.</p> <p>ID 333 & 334– Proposed by Cllr Andy Jones, seconded by Cllr Fiona Barrows, agreed unanimously.</p> <p>ID 325 – Proposed by Cllr Steve Tanner, seconded by Cllr Lisa Merryweather, agreed by unanimously.</p> <p>It was agreed that the response for all other applications listed in appendix 1 would be no objections or to incorporate suggestions Jane and Catherine sent round to Councillors prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Mark Dorrington, seconded by Cllr Lisa Merryweather, agreed unanimously.</p>	
2023/078P	<p>6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>12th October 2023 at 6.30pm</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.10pm

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Table 2 - Appendix 1 - Major Planning applications received

ID	MDC Reference	Address	Ward	Applicant	Description	Type	Planning Officer	Consultation Response
323	2023/1588/FUL	Land At 378882 148245 Boundary Avenue Frome	Frome Berkley Down	Mr Vasilica Chiriac	Demolition of existing garages, erection of 4no. dwellinghouses and associated parking.	Full Application	Anna Jotcham	No objection to the change from 2-bed to 3-bed, but do object to the 3-bed becoming 4-bed. Frome has a need for smaller properties, which wont be fulfilled by 4- bedroom housing. We also feel that the application will be unable to comply with Somersets parking standards for the 4-bedroom properties.
324	2023/1631/HSE	74 Rivers Reach Frome	Frome Keyford	Mrs Katarzyna Niedzwiec ka	Loft conversion to additional bedroom with 3 velux roof windows.	Householder Application	Kirsty Black	No Objection
325	2023/1613/TCA	12 Rodden Road Frome	Frome Berkley Down	Mr M Eltringham	T1 (Apple) - Fell T3 (Plum) - Fell S6 (Rose) - Fell	Works/Felling Trees in a CA	Bo Walsh	No objection to necessary tree works, however FTC feel that more information should be submitted with tree felling applications. FTC would like to see pictures of the proposed fell trees, as well as greater clarity as to why trees are to be felled and consideration as to whether pollarding or pruning may be a better option.
326	2023/1653/TCA	20 Keyford Gardens Frome	Frome Keyford	Robin Isherwood	T1 (Black Walnut) - reduce by 2m.	Works/Felling Trees in a CA	Bo Walsh	No Objection
327	2023/1648/HSE	1 Goodridge Grove Frome	Frome Berkley	MS C Smyth	Proposed erection of conservatory	Householder Application	Oliver Down	No Objection

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328	2023/1652/HSE	13 Locks Hill Frome	Frome Keyford	Mr Anthony Bowring	Proposed Side Extension	Householder Application	Kirsty Black	No Objection
329	2023/1701/HSE	4 Tadley Meadow Critch Hill Frome		Mrs Laura Elias	Replacement of existing open porch with new enclosed porch and utility room extension	Householder Application	Jane Thomas	No Objection
330	2023/1142/HSE	15 Wellow Drive Frome	Frome College	A Blacker	Proposed conversion, extension and re-roofing of double garage into an extended utility with study mezzanine over, and garage/store.	Householder Application	Oliver Down	No Objection
331	2023/1547/HSE	18 Whitestone Road Frome	Frome Berkely Down	Not Available	Construction of extension/porch to front of property containing lobby and shower room.	Householder Application	Kirsty Black	No Objection
332	2023/1735/HSE	6 Northcote Crescent Frome	Frome College	MR AND MRS COLLIER	Single storey side and rear extension	Householder Application	Oliver Down	No Objection
333	2023/1712/HSE	21 Sheppards Barton Frome Somerset	Frome Market	Maria Hayden	Replace existing kitchen structure and construction of rear extension. Installation of new kitchen and replacement staircase.	Householder Application	Kirsty Black	FTC feel that the drawings are unclear and so would like to defer a decision until there is further information.
334	2023/1713/LBC	21 Sheppards Barton Frome Somerset	Frome Market	Maria Hayden	Replace existing kitchen structure and construction of rear extension. Installation of new kitchen and replacement staircase.	Listed Building Consent	Kirsty Black	FTC feel that the drawings are unclear and so would like to defer a decision until there is further information.

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