

**MINUTES of the Planning Committee of Melksham Without Parish Council held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at Crown Chambers, Melksham 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Richard Wood (Council & Committee Chair), Paul Carter (Committee Vice-Chair), John Glover (Council Vice-Chair), Alan Baines, Mary Pile and Greg Coombes.

Officers: Teresa Strange (Clerk) and Justina Barber (Finance Assistant).

**Housekeeping & Announcements:** Cllr. Wood welcomed all to the meeting and explained the evacuation procedure in the event of a fire.

- 361/17 **Apologies:** Cllr. Chivers had given his apologies, but no reason for his absence, therefore the Committee were unable to accept his apologies.
- 362/17 **Not Present:** Cllr. Kaylum House.
- 363/17 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs. Wood and Carter declared an interest in agenda items 5b and 6a as residents of Semington Road, Berryfield. Cllr. Coombes declared an interest in agenda item 6b as a resident of Corsham Road, Whitley.
- 364/17 **Dispensation Requests for this Meeting:** None.
- 365/17 **Public Participation:** There were no members of the public present.
- 366/17 **Planning Applications:** The Council considered the following applications and made the following comments:
- a) **17/11195/FUL 26 St Athan Close, Bowerhill, Melksham, SN12 6XP:**  
Construction of a summerhouse.  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. Davies.  
**Comments:** *The Parish Council have no objections.*
- b) **17/11856/FUL 486 Semington Road, Melksham, SN12 6DR:** Proposed New Vehicle Access.  
Applicant: Mr. D. Elmer  
**Comments:** *The Parish Council have no objections.*
- c) **17/11271/FUL Ashville Centre, Commerce Way, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6ZE:** Construction of open storage compound, re-ordering & extension of car parking.  
Applicant: Ashville Melksham Ltd.  
**Comments:** *The Parish Council have no objections.*
- d) **17/11362/ADV Ashville Centre, Commerce Way, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6ZE:** New totem pole and signage for Travelodge, Starbucks and Greggs.  
Applicant: Greggs plc  
**Comments:** *The Parish Council have no objections.*
- e) **17/11073/FUL Ashville Centre, Commerce Way, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6ZE:** New totem pole and signage for Travelodge, Starbucks and Greggs.  
Applicant: Greggs plc  
**Comments:** *The Parish Council have no objections.*

- f) **17/11609/OHL Land South of Shurnhold, Melksham, SN12 8DG:** To replace the existing 8.1m high pole supporting overhead powerlines and install a 9.7m high pole.  
Applicant: Southern Electric Power Distribution plc  
**Comments:** *The Parish Council have no objections.*
- g) **17/09248/VAR Land East of Spa Road, Melksham, Wiltshire:** Variation of condition 32 of 14/10461/OUT relating to site access.  
Applicant: Hallam Land Management & Bloor Homes  
**Comments:** *The Parish Council welcomes the change to the roundabout lay out and the inclusion of additional pedestrian crossings. However, it wishes to re-iterate its previous comments over the perpetual error in referring to the Eastern Relief Road as "Thyme Road". Thyme Road is a residential cul-de-sac, and the Eastern Relief Road has been formally named "Eastern Way". The Parish Council wishes to see this error in road naming corrected on these plans and any future submissions and reserved matters plans.*
- h) **17/10462/FUL 145 West Hill, Whitley, SN12 8HL:** Proposed attic conversion to bedrooms with dormer window extensions.  
Applicant: Mr. & Mrs. N. Cortilla  
**Comments:** *The Parish Council do not object on the proviso that there is sufficient parking provision in accordance with Wiltshire Council's policy on the number of parking spaces to be provided in relation to the number of bedrooms within a dwelling.*
- i) **17/11880/FUL 39 Shaw Hill Shaw Melksham SN12 8EY:** Proposed rear extension and new detached garage to front.  
Applicant: J & D Reeves  
**Comments:** *The Parish Council have no objections.*

367/17 **Planning Appeals:**

- a) **17/04649/FUL Land south of 489a Semington Road, Melksham:** Erection of 4no. terraced dwellings. APPEAL lodged against refusal. The committee noted this appeal and that the Councils' previous comments made to Wiltshire Council on this application would be sent to the Planning Inspector as per the Planning Committee Terms of Reference.
- b) **16/11951/FUL Land between 215 and 78-81 Corsham Road, Whitley:** Erection of 1 self build 3 bedroom dwelling. APPEAL lodged against refusal. The Committee wished to support the applicant in their appeal against refusal and to make the following additional comment to the Planning Inspector:  
**Comment:** *The Parish Council wish to support the applicant in their appeal against a refusal of planning permission. This application is for the erection of one self build 3 bedroom dwelling which is for occupation by the third generation of a local family and tied to the adjacent family business of a golf club.*

368/17 **Planning Correspondence:**

- a) **Update from Wilts & Berks Canal Melksham Link Master Planners on Planning Application for Canal W/12/01080/FUL:** The Committee noted correspondence from Melksham Link Ltd., indicating that studies and agreements were in hand which supported Phase1 of the canal project.
- b) **Melksham Town Council's Comments on Wiltshire Council's Local Plan Review:** The Committee noted the response made by the Town Council to the Local Plan Review consultation.

- 369/17 **Planning Media Articles:** The Committee noted the following media articles:
- a) **Wiltshire Times article re: Planning appeal against refusal for 125 new houses in Semington upheld by Planning Inspector.**
  - b) **Article that Government has named local authorities facing Local Plan intervention.**
  - c) **Article that local authorities are not using legal powers to take over empty homes.**
  - d) **Article that NHS is working to unite councils and housebuilders in new healthy living framework.**

370/17 **S106 Agreements:**

- a) **Ongoing and New S106 Agreements:**
  - i) **Transfer Agreement for Hornchurch Road Play Area:** The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from the Parish Council's solicitors, which queried whether the Parish Council were also taking over the pathways around the Hornchurch play area and area of public open space as these had also been offered under the transfer agreement from the developers. She had responded to confirm that the Parish Council only wished to have the enclosed play area transferred to them, not any of the footways.
- b) **New S106 Queries:** None.
- c) **S106 Decisions made under Delegated Powers:** None.

Meeting closed at 7.31pm

Chairman, 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018