

AXMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Held at The Guildhall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 immediately after the Town Council Meeting which started at 7.00 p.m.

This meeting was held Under Regulation 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020

1. PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs. S.L.N. Leat (Chairman), Cllr. M.N. Adamson-Drage (Vice-chairman), Cllr. J.J. Farrow, Cllr. M.A. Featherstone, Miss H. Kirkcaldie, (Town Clerk), Mrs. Z. Adamson-Drage (Deputy Town Clerk) and Mrs. S.Gay (Administrative Assistant).

2 members of the public.

2. APOLOGIES/NOT PRESENT: Cllr. A.E. Bourner, Cllr. C.A. Doherty, Cllr. D.J. Moore, Cllr. M.D.G. Spurway, Cllr. M. Mynard and Cllr. A.G. Sedgewick.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: the minutes of the meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 having been considered and approved by the Town Council, will be signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC FORUM: The applicant asked to made representations in support of application 20/1271/FUL (amended plans) which had been submitted in order to ensure that the dwelling would have a vehicular entrance on a road less liable to be obstructed for access by emergency vehicles than the present access road. Because of the confidential nature of the representations being discussed the second member of the public agreed to be moved to the waiting room for the duration of the discussions. Once the applicant had made representations, the second member of the public was re-admitted to the meeting.

The second member of the public spoke about the same application. She said that some of the statements opposing the application made on the District Council planning website by District Councillors were highly inaccurate and not supported by actual planning applications relating to King Edward Road over recent years.

The Chairman explained that members of the public would not be able to make any further comment once public forum was over unless members of the Committee were willing to let them do so.

5. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: The following applications were considered:-  
20/1271/FUL (amended plans dated 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020)  
West Ridge Alexandra Road Axminster EX13 5PR  
Creation of new vehicular access and driveway.

It was explained that the original plans had been amended to move the proposed access point to the side of the property nearest to Widepost Lane. This had been done in the light of the lack of support from the owner of the property nearest to Alexandra road (relative to the site) as the original application had been predicated on an understanding that such support would be forthcoming. During the course of discussion, Cllr. Adamson-Drage said that his view had been changed both by the lack of support from the neighbour whose support appeared to have been withdrawn and by the highway points made by some of his fellow Councillors. Cllr. Featherstone indicated that he saw no reason to oppose the application. When a vote was taken, it was that the application be opposed by three votes to one. Cllr. Featherstone voted to support the application.

**AXMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL OPPOSES THIS APPLICATION ON GROUNDS OF HIGHWAY SAFETY,**

The applicant indicated that she would like to speak again. Cllr. Leat asked whether her fellow Councillors were willing to allow this and received their agreement.

The applicant expressed her disappointment at the outcome of the discussion as she had spoken to some of the Councillors who had indicated their support for the proposal. Cllr. Mrs. Leat explained that as none of those Councillors was present their opinions could not be taken into consideration. The applicant said that she had followed all the advice given to her by the District Council and the

Highways Authority. She said that she would be putting in a formal complaint as she considered that the decision was unfair.

20/1559/OUT

Garages Coombe Lane Axminster

Creation of 2no dwellings (outline consent sought with all matters reserved)

The Chairman said that this was a resubmission of an earlier application which had become time expired. A letter of comment had been received from a resident.

AXMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL OPPOSES THIS APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. INCONSISTENCIES BETWEEN THE PLANS AND THE APPLICATION FORM REGARDING THE NUMBER OF BEDROOMS IN THE PROPOSED DWELLINGS.
  2. THAT TWO DWELLINGS REPRESENTED OVER-DEVELOPMENT AND PREVENTED PROVISION OF A PROPER TURNING AREA WITHIN THE SITE AND WOULD MAKE FUTURE MAINTENANCE OF ONE OF THE PROPERTIES IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT MAKING USE OF ACCESS FROM AN ADJACENT SITE BECAUSE THE DWELLING HAD BEEN PUSHED UP RIGHT TO THE EDGE OF THE SITE.
  3. LOSS OF PRIVACY FOR ADJOINING PROPERTIES BY VIRTUE OF OVERLOOKING
7. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN PUBLICATION OF AGENDA AND TIME OF MEETING :  
2020/1868/FUL  
Tweedsmuir Crewkerne Road Axminster EX13 5SY  
Construction of raised decking to rear including steps and storage underneath

Consideration of this application was deferred to the next meeting.

8. APPEALS

None.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Resident – re 20/1559/OUT

Various – 20/1271/FUL

10. DECISIONS

GRANTS OF CONDITIONAL PERMISSION

20/1095/LBC

Tanners Cottage Lyme Road Axminster EX13 5AZ

Remove existing porch on front south east elevation and replace with new porch

NO OTHER DECISIONS WERE RECEIVED

Signed ..... Dated .....