

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Cllrs: D Baker(Vice-Chairman); M Brandon; C Briton; C Cox;
A Gibson; N Kennedy (Chairman); G Wilson (Mayor); C Wride

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk: F White
2 members of the public

15/161P APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None received

15/162P DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS None declared

15/163P MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th SEPTEMBER 2015
Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

15/164P MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
It was agreed that members of the public would speak as items arose.

15/165P PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION:

1 2015/2066/FUL

Single storey side extension to create separate dwelling.
37 St Cuthbert Avenue Wells Somerset BA5 2JS

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

2 TREES:

2015/1921/TPO

Canopy raise to 2.4m the three London Plane trees at the south west end of the avenue, this is to allow the erection of market stalls as part of the Moat Boat celebrations.

Wells Recreation Ground Silver Street Wells Somerset BA5 1UN

Recommend the decision be left to the Tree Officer

15/166P TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL: NOTED

15/167P SCC RIGHTS OF WAY
Proposed Public Path Diversion Order. Footpaths WS 17/3 and WS 17/4
NO OBJECTIONS

15/168P MENDIP LOCAL PLAN PART II

To prepare a response to the consultation:

The Chairman and the Mayor summarised initial points of interest following the recent consultation day at the Town Hall:

- Land use allocations
- Parking provision
- Future burial provision

- Urban infrastructure
- Open spaces
 - the athletics ground;
 - identifying very small urban spaces

It was agreed that members will study the consultation material and each draw up their list of comments to be brought back to a future meeting for collation. A full response from the Council will then be compiled for formal submission.

Members will pay particular attention to identifying small areas of open space within their own Ward, with a view to ensuring that all areas are protected for the future.

The Mayor gave a brief up-date from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and introduced the concept of a Housing Needs Survey. Cllr Briton reported from recent Mendip Rural Forum presentations on the Local Plan consultation and on Housing Needs Survey.

Mr l'Anson was present and was invited to join the discussion; he spoke about the Neighbourhood Plan and the work that had been done there which could support the response to the Local Plan consultation. He gave guidance on the best approach to take in formulating the consultation response.

There was further discussion and questions about a Housing Needs Survey.

In conclusion it was agreed to invite the representative from the Community Council to speak to the Committee as soon as possible to explain the process.

It was agreed the committee will receive a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group at the next meeting on 15th October.

Mr l'Anson was thanked for attending and for all his work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

15/169P DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES

To delegate authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, to decide any urgent matters arising before the next meeting.

RESOLVED

15/170P ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT

- i. Vandalism to Wells in Bloom pyramids in Broad Street has been reported to the Police.

15/171P DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Thursday 15th October 2015 at 7.00pm