WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2012, 6.00PM.

- **PRESENT**: Cllrs: D Anderson; M Brandon; A Gibson; J Mitchell.
- **IN ATTENDANCE**: Town Clerk: Felicity White. 2 members of the public.
- **12/37P** APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr: S Davies (approved). D Unwin (The Mayor); N Kennedy (Chairman); C Briton.

12/38P DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS None.

12/39P DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

It is formally recorded that the participation of those City Councillors who are also members of Mendip District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in this agenda is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the City Council. The District Councillors reserve their final views on any planning application until they are in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.

12/40P MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd February 2012 were approved and signed.

12/41P MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

It was agreed to suspend the meeting later to allow members of the public to speak to specific items.

12/42P PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 2011/1723 Full Planning Permission 8 weeks Messrs Nigel Ross & Andrew Jaye – 9 Market Place, Wells BA5 2RH Change of use from A2 to A1 and Residential use RECOMMEND REFUSAL Reason: Inappropriate in the commercial setting
- 2012/0201 Listed Building Consent
 Mr R Powell 26 Chamberlain Street, Wells BA5 2PF
 Insertion of steelwork to support defective roof truss in main roof void
 RECOMMEND APPROVAL Subject to the opinion of the Conservation Officer.
- 2012/0193 Householder Planning Permission Mrs Nigel Blackman – 8 Dodd Avenue, Wells BA5 3JU Replacement of existing monopitch conservatory roof with new hipped, tiled roof in same plane as existing single storey extension roof RECOMMEND APPROVAL
- 2012/0229 Full Planning Permission 8 weeks Mr M Brenton - 25 Wheeler Grove, Wells BA5 2GB Erection of dwelling with new access RECOMMEND APPROVAL

5. 2012/0231 – Application For Approval Of Details Reserved By Condition

Discovery Properties Ltd & Waitrose Ltd – EMI Sports and Social Club, Chamberlain Street, Wells

Approval of details reserved by condition 2 on planning permission 2009/1908 (scheme for a replacement community facility associated with the development of a food store on the EMI Club site)

(The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak. Meeting re-convened.)

RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to the following condition:

It is recommended that any smoking and / or outdoor recreational area be allocated to the area adjoining the north side of the building; these activities should not be permitted to encroach on the frontage between the building and Priory Road.

Reason: In the interests of neighbourhood enjoyment of amenity and of noise abatement.

12/43P PERMISSIONS AND REFUSALS DETERMINED BY MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL Noted.

Appeal hearing on application 2010/2454 land at Ash Close, scheduled for 14th February has been postponed.

12/44P PLANNING AMENDMENT

2011/3291 – Full Planning Permission – 8 weeks 68 + 70 High Street, Wells BA5 2AL Erection of buildings and extensions to existing shop unit to create 4 dwellings, garage and parking. Noted.

12/45P PRIORY ROAD

To consider a request from a resident to support application to SCC Highways for double yellow lines.

(Meeting suspended while public spoke, then reconvened.)

It was agreed that future developments in Priory Road could cause safety issues due to increased parking; however, there was concern that residents might not all welcome double yellow lines. The proposers were recommended to make a drawn plan of exactly what they are suggesting and collect evidence of support from other residents; then enter into further consultations with Police and SCC Highways, before returning to the Committee to put the matter before the City Council.

12/46P DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES

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

12/47P ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

i. Mendip District Council has agreed to inspect the trees in the Market Place and carry out any necessary work.

12/48P The next meeting will be on Thursday 1st March 2012, at 6:00pm