

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD**  
**ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020 AT 7.00PM VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT ON ZOOM:** Cllrs: A l'Anson (Chairman), N Kennedy, J Osman (Mayor),  
J Rust, C Wride (Vice-Chairman)

**IN ATTENDANCE ON ZOOM:** Town Clerk: S Luck  
WCC Cllrs: J Browne, R Humphreys, J Linsdell  
WCC Staff: A Westwood, S Bristow  
SCC Cllr T Munt  
No members of the public

At the beginning of the meeting Cllr A l'Anson (Chairman) addressed the committee with regard the dispute following the previous meeting ref application 2020/0965/FUL Proposed new house within the residential curtilage of 14 Chamberlain Street. He should have declared Personal and Prejudicial interest (not Non-Pecuniary as recorded). Cllr l'Anson apologised to the committee and this was accepted.

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: L Agabani, S Briton

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest, made under the Council's Code of Conduct adopted 26th July 2012.

Each member was asked for any declarations.

Cllr l'Anson declared a Personal interest in Item 5.4 as an acquaintance of the applicant's partner.

**3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held remotely on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020:

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and will be signed as a correct record in due course. Note: Cllr Wride expressed that she felt the minutes were factually correct, although she remains unhappy with the content.

**4 MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Cllr Munt asked that careful consideration be given on item 5.4, tree felling. She felt that the application was incomplete and the photos provided were not clear.

**5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION**

**5.1 2020/1192/HSE**

Erection of 2m high fence at boundary of property.

Location: 37 St Cuthbert Avenue Wells Somerset BA5 2JS

**RECOMMEND: This application should be returned as the plans provided are inadequate. To be considered at a later date.**

**5.2 2020/1223/HSE**

Replacement of existing window with a door.

Location: 2 Anseres Place Wells BA5 2RT

**RECOMMEND: Approval**

- 5.3** 2020/1249/HSE  
Single storey rear extension, extend decking area with disabled ramp.  
Location: 9 Hooper Avenue Wells BA5 3NA  
**RECOMMEND: Approval**

**TREES:**

- 5.4** 2020/1000/TCA  
T1 - Beech - Fell.  
Location: Chesneys New Street Wells BA5 2LQ  
**RECOMMEND: Refusal**  
Note: No vote from Cllr l'Anson on this item.

- 6** **TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS AND DECISIONS FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
Noted.

- 7** **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.

- 8** **ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**
- i. Cllr Wride (Vice Chair) requested a vote of confidence for Cllr l'Anson to continue to chair the meetings. Following discussion with members it was agreed that Cllr l'Anson will remain Chairman without the need for any vote.
  - ii. Cllr Rust asked whether the guidelines on declarations of interest recently provided by the Town Clerk to members be part of the Code of Conduct. The Town Clerk responded and advised that this is currently under consultation and should be included in the future.
  - iii. Cllr Rust asked why the recommendation for application 2020/0965/FUL 14 Chamberlain Street had been changed and members were not notified. The Town Clerk responded explaining that our decision was withdrawn because of the dispute and that MDC had changed the decision as it was taken out of our hands. Following discussion, it was agreed that in the unlikely event that this reoccurs the matter would be brought up at the subsequent meeting of the Council, that way informing members of any such changes.

- 9** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020**