

# Flitwick Town Council

## Planning Committee

**Minutes of the 361st Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 8th December 2021.**

### Open Forum

There were no items.

Committee Members Present :- Councillor P Dodds (Chairman)  
Councillor P Earles  
Councillor J Gleave (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Hodges  
Councillor Roberts  
Councillor R Shaw

Also in Attendance :- Environmental Services Officer

#### 01 To note declaration of interest on Agenda Items

Cllr Shaw declared a non pecuniary interest in item 06.2 planning application 45 Ampthill Road.

#### 02 To Accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chacko and Cllr Platt.

#### 03 Chairman's Announcements

The Recommendations from the Planning Committee to Full Council regarding raising objections to the Crematorium planning application and appointing a consultant were supported by Full Council. It is expected that the consultant would be limited to a three minute time slot when representing FTC at the CBC Development Management Committee. However Ward Councillors are not limited to 3 minutes and as they have indicated that they are opposed to the application, it would be beneficial to invite them in to receive feedback from the consultant. The possibility of a judicial review has been mentioned, this would be expensive and it is expected that feedback from the planning consultant would help to determine if this would be necessary.

#### 04 Minutes

Members approved and adopted the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 18th November 2021.

#### 05 Matters Arising

Planning Training: Cllr Gleave has been continuing to try to arrange dates for Planning training. He will pass on contact details of the trainer to the Environmental Services Officer to take this forward.

Speedwatch: Four people have completed the online training and will be able to move forward to start the group. A date is being planned for January for a demonstration of the equipment.

#### 06 Planning applications for consideration

06- 1	21/04788/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :- TBC		Date Received :-	19/11/2021
	Location :- 14-16 Vicarage Hill Flitwick Beds MK45 1HZ		Date Returned :-	08/12/2021
	Proposal : Front lean to extension across 14 and 16 Vicarage Hill			
	Observations : FTC OBJECT to this application on the following material grounds: 1) The skylights in the proposed extension are not in keeping with the street scene 2) The proposed extension will decrease the space currently used for off street parking.			



Correspondence regarding the Planning Committee had been received by the Committee Chairman from the Mayor. This matter was dealt with as an Exempt Item.

**09 Neighbourhood Plan Feasibility**

Details of the NP feasibility study has been promoted via Flitwick Papers and other channels inviting residents to express an interest.

A meeting with a representative of Higham Ferrers Town Council has been arranged for January.

There has been no direct response from residents yet although it is early days. Members indicated that discussions with residents is positive.

**10 To note planning decisions from Central Bedfordshire**

Noted.

**11 Highways**

The following Highways matters were raised by Members following walkabouts:

- Hedge on Steppingley road on the footpath side heading out of the town centre on the left before Manor way is overgrown onto the path with brambles etc
- Pathways overgrown on High Street/Amphill Road near station exit
- Iron works in poor condition in roads by new estate
- Flooding is a problem in Froghall Road by the railway bridge
- Leaves need to be cleared on pavements near Shell garage / one-o-one roundabout as they are a hazard being wet and slippery.

**12 Marketing and Communications Plan**

This was noted. It was suggested that Speedwatch be added for a future news item.

**13 Marketing and Communications Forward Plan**

This was noted.

**14 Questions**

Cllr Hodges asked if it is known what is happening with Aldi?

The Chairman responded that we have not received news and the ward Councillor G McKay did say that as far as he was aware some changes had to be made and we have no news on these changes as yet.

**15 Exempt Items**

The following resolution will be moved that is advisable in the public interest that the public and press are excluded whilst the following exempt item issue is discussed.

15.1 - Correspondence

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the public bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Council resolve to exclude the public and press by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

The Meeting closed at : 21:10

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of :- \_\_\_\_\_ Flitwick Town Council