

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE** held in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil on **Monday 18 January 2010**.

(7.00pm to 8.15pm)

Present:

Philip Chandler (Chairman)
Julian Freke
Pete Goodman
John Grana
Simon Hester
Andrew Kendall
David Recardo

Also Present:

Alan Tawse – Town Clerk
Sarah Hunt – Assistant Town Clerk
Simon Fox – Planning Officer – SSDC

7/485 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 January 2010, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7/486 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Clive Davis and Wes Read.

7/487 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Andrew Kendall, Julian Freke and David Recardo referred to their membership of South Somerset District Council and indicated that whilst they might speak and possibly vote on applications which might be referred to that Council for determination, they would reconsider such applications at district level taking into account all relevant evidence and representations made at that tier.

7/488 **PLANS LIST**

1. Planning Application:09/04477/FUL

Site Address:	6 East Coker Road Yeovil Somerset
Ward :	Yeovil (South)
Proposal :	The erection of a first floor extension, a single storey link and a garage (GR 354963/114607)
Recommending Case Officer:	Helen Ferdinand
Target date :	29th January 2010

Applicant :	Mr & Mrs Bailey
Type :	Other Householder - not a Change of Use

Members noted the secluded location and that there had been no representations from neighbours.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

2. Planning Application: 09/04664/FUL

Site Address:	17 Grove Avenue Yeovil Somerset
Ward :	Yeovil (West)
Proposal :	The carrying out of a loft conversion to existing garage roof to form study (GR 354888/116219)
Recommending Case Officer:	Sam Fox
Target date :	1st February 2010
Applicant :	Mr David Hicks
Type :	Other Householder - not a Change of Use

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

Subject to the condition to remove Permitted Development Rights for additional openings, especially on those elevations facing neighbouring properties.

3. Planning Application: 09/04723/ADV

Site Address:	Mcdonalds Restaurants Ltd Lysander Road Yeovil
Ward :	Yeovil (South)
Proposal :	The display of various illuminated and non-illuminated signs. (GR 354787/115351)
Recommending Case Officer:	Helen Ferdinand
Target date :	1st February 2010
Applicant :	Mcdonalds Restaurants Ltd
Type :	Other Advertisement

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

Subject to the condition that the new totem pole would replace the existing pole and be no higher than the existing one.

4. Planning Application:09/04724/FUL

Site Address:	Mcdonalds Restaurants Ltd Lysander Road Yeovil
Ward :	Yeovil (South)
Proposal :	Installation of a customer display and canopy. (GR 354787/115351)
Recommending Case Officer:	Helen Ferdinand
Target date :	1st February 2010

Applicant :	Mcdonalds Restaurants Ltd
Type :	Minor Other less than 1,000 sq.m or 1ha

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL (See item 3 above)

5. Planning Application:09/04751/FUL

Site Address:	15 Cypress Drive Yeovil Somerset
Ward :	Yeovil (South)
Proposal :	Alterations and the erection of a single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse (GR 354080/114846)
Recommending Case Officer:	Jane Green
Target date :	15th February 2010
Applicant :	Mr Wilfred Greenslade
Type :	Other Householder - not a Change of Use

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

6. Planning Application:09/04868/FUL

Site Address:	39 Preston Grove Yeovil Somerset
Ward :	Yeovil (South)
Proposal :	The erection of a replacement single storey rear extension to dwellinghouse. (GR 354688/116001)
Recommending Case Officer:	Sam Fox
Target date :	2nd February 2010
Applicant :	Mr & Mrs A W Pilton
Type :	Other Householder - not a Change of Use

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

7. Planning Application:09/04919/FUL

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

This planning application was withdrawn prior to the meeting so that the agent could consider the issues of a) overlooking the neighbour's property from the bathroom and b) privacy to the neighbouring property from the passageway on the boundary.

8. Planning Application:09/04888/FUL

Some members regretted the fact that yet another house in the area was being converted to flats.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

7/489 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

RESOLVED

that the planning decisions be noted.

7/490 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Assistant Town Clerk advised that a letter from Somerset County Council had been received to confirm that a temporary building would be retained at Birchfield Primary School, pending the construction of a permanent building.

7/491 **PEDLARS – CONSULTATION PAPER**

The Town Clerk highlighted the current difficulties that licensing authorities face in taking enforcement against pedlars, whose activities effectively constitute street trading (Agenda item 8 refers).

Members supported the new proposals set out in the consultation paper as they felt that it was only fair to the other traders who operate according to the rules.

The Committee supported the view that by transferring the power to issue permits from the Police to the relevant local authority, the need for a national database and the potential for the new system to be seen as too bureaucratic would be avoided.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the proposed response of the Town Clerk be supported.

7/492 **PROMOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Members considered the Town Clerk's report (Agenda item 9 refers) and discussed whether they felt that Promotions and Activities Committee ought to be disbanded. The following points emerged from the ensuing discussion:

Points in Favour:

- Poor attendance
- Not much on the agenda – short meetings
- Sub-Committees run themselves – they could report to any of the main service committees
- Budget seemed to be pre-determined – not much scope for funding new initiatives
- Cost savings

Points Against:

- Committee has track record of successfully promoting the Town
- Ongoing/future P&A projects may lose their prominence

- Benefit of having a Committee dedicated to promoting the Town
- There would only be a relatively small financial saving
- May lead to the other service committees having much longer agendas
- P&A would lose its collective voice, i.e. a number of the elements in the Committee's remit complement each other and are better managed by a single committee

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that the P&A Committee should continue in its present form.

7/493 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Committee considered the report of the Finance Administrator (Agenda item 10 refers).

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement for October and November 2009 be noted.

Chairman

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