

**WELLS CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL, ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: A l'Anson (Vice-Chairman), J Rust

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Acting Town Clerk/RFO: Steve Luck  
SCC Cllr T Munt

**19/157P APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: L Agabani, S Briton, N Kennedy, J Osman (Mayor), C Rees, C Wride (Chairman)

**19/158P DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr A l'Anson declared a personal interest in agenda item 5.2 as he knew the applicant.

**19/159P MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019: Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and signed.

**19/160P MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None present.

**The meeting was not Quorate so the following decisions were taken under Delegated Authority**

**19/161P PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- 1 2019/2357/LBC and 2019/2356/FUL  
Proposed change of use of upper floors to use class C1 (hotel).  
41 High Street Wells Somerset BA5 2AE  
**RECOMMEND: Approval**  
**The proposal to add 9 bedrooms to the upper floors of the Fosso Lounge will provide a wider range of accommodation and add to the vibrancy of the city centre. It accords with both policy DP21 of Mendip's Local Plan and objective 1 in the Tourism Section of the draft Wells Neighbourhood Plan.**
- 2 2019/2204/LBC  
Paint front elevation Dove Grey; replace front door and first floor windows.  
Replacement of ground floor concrete within hall and living area; Timber facing to living room wall (retrospective). Replacement of first floor flooring with reclaimed pine floor boards (retrospective); New stud 'service' wall to shower room (retrospective).  
21 St John Street Wells BA5 1SW  
**RECOMMEND: Approval**  
**The proposal will enhance this listed building and accords with policy DP3 of Mendip's Local Plan.**
- 3 2019/2360/LBC  
Proposed repairs to bridge leading to front door  
19 New Street Wells BA5 2LD  
**RECOMMEND: Approval**  
**This proposal to repair the bridge leading to the front door of the Judges' Lodgings on New Street will preserve the access to this listed building. It accords with policy DP3.**

**TREES:**

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2019/2367/TCA

T1 - Holly - Fell due to heavily shading the garden.

T2 - Yew - Crown raise the lower branches for maintenance.

St Lawrence Lodge 37 Chamberlain Street Wells BA5 2PQ

**RECOMMEND: Approval**

**The proposed felling of the holly tree and maintenance work to the yew will provide a more pleasant outside area for the users of the Lawrence Day Centre.**

**19/162P TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS AND DECISIONS FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL - Noted**

**19/163P DELEGATED RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

**19/164P ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**

Cllr Rust reported on the concerns raised by other Councils on the installation of a 5G network. The Acting Town Clerk was asked to write to SCC and MDC to request information on their policies moving forward.

Cllr l'Anson reported a meeting had been set up with the Neighbourhood Plan consultant on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 10.30am in the Town Hall.

The existing draft is now available on the City Council website.

**19/165P DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7pm, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019**