

WELLS CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD
ON THURSDAY 30TH JULY 2020 AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM

PRESENT ON ZOOM: Cllrs: L Agabani, S Briton, 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 Linsdell
WCC Staff: A Westwood, S Bristow
SCC Cllr T Munt
MDC Cllrs L Rogers, T Ronan
A Vallis, Wells Voice
2 members of the public

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr C Rees

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. No declarations were received.

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held remotely on 16th July 2020:

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed, seconded, approved and will be signed as a correct record in due course.

4 MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Member of public, resident of Dinder, spoke of his concerns regarding 5.2 illuminated signs at Morrisons. He expressed the devastating effect these lights would have on the views, the overall problem of light pollution (the lights being on all night too) and the fact that this would also be environmentally unfriendly. Also, the signage proposed would be 2.5 times higher than the existing signs.

MDC Cllr Rogers pointed out that a petition is underway against the new illuminated signs and that this should be submitted to both Morrisons and MDC.

Cllr Munt felt that sign no.6 (facing the road) - could be dimmed and consideration should be taken to time-limit the lighting.

The members of public were thanked for their input. Members discussed this application and Cllr Agabani put forward a proposal to reject in total. This was seconded by Cllr Wride.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 2020/1277/HSE

Partial conversion of garage, upgrading of dormers, external upgrading and internal alterations.

Location: 20 College Road Wells BA5 2TB

RECOMMEND: Approval

5.2 2020/1281/ADV

Erection of signage including 14 illuminated and non-illuminated signs.

Location: Wm Morrisons Supermarkets Plc East Somerset Way Wells BA5

RECOMMEND: Refusal - If MDC decision proves to be Approval, conditions should include: lighting is off when shop is closed and garage sign should be dimmed.

Cllr Osman abstained from voting as he could see no obvious planning reasons for refusal, although he was in agreement.

- 5.3** 2020/0963/FUL
Proposed Alterations to Fenestration including installation of Windows & Rooflights.
Location: 2 St Cuthbert Street Wells BA5 2AW
RECOMMEND: This application has previously been considered and the response “Recommend: Approval” sent the MDC on 04/06/2020
- 5.4** 2020/1261/HSE
Remove window on side of house and insert double doors.
Location: 14 Catcott Road Wells BA5 1FL
RECOMMEND: Approval
- 5.5** 2020/1192/HSE
Erection of 2m high fence at boundary of property. (additional info rec'd 17 July 2020).
Location: 37 St Cuthbert Avenue Wells Somerset BA5 2JS
RECOMMEND: Refusal - the fence would detract from the character of the area.
- 6** **TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS AND DECISIONS FROM MENDIP DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Noted.
- 8** **WELLS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REPORT**
A written report was received from Cllr l'Anson prior to the meeting. Questions were invited.
No further discussion took place.
- 8** **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.
- 9** **ANY OTHER MATTERS OF URGENT REPORT**
2020/0404/FUL Appeal Ref :APP/Q3305/W/20/3255237 - Appeal at 17D Sadler Street, BA5 2RR
Cllr l'Anson brought the above Appeal to the attention of the members, who had been emailed this information prior to the meeting. He invited comments. No comments were received.
- 10** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7:00 pm, Thursday 20th August 2020 (urgent matters only)**