

ALTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2021
at 7.00 p.m. Held remotely with councillors and members of the public dialling in

Present: **Councillor** **Graham Titterington** **Chair**
 Ginny Boxall
 Amanda Durley
 Pam Jones
 Christopher Lawrence
 Richard Platt

In attendance:

Leah Coney – Town Clerk
Pat Harris – Finance & Administration Manager
Councillor Matthew Bayliss
County Councillor Andrew Joy

3 Members of the Public

230 **Chairman’s Announcements**

The Chairman reminded everyone that in view of the current ways of working for committee meetings, members were requested to ensure that they raise their hand when they wish to speak and in the interim, put themselves all on mute.

231 **Apologies**

There were no apologies received. Councillors Paul Crossley and Gideon Cristofoli did not attend.

232 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2021 were approved as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

233 **Declaration of Interest & Dispensations Requested**

The Chairman reminded members of their obligation to disclose any pecuniary interest in items on the agenda. None were declared.

234 **Questions/Representations/Correspondence to the Committee**

1. Mr. Tony Souter addressed the committee on the subject of anti-social behaviour stating he had raised this a year or so ago but it had not been met with an enthusiastic response from the council. Residents were looking for the council to take a lead. There had been side conversations with Councillor Matthew Bayliss and Bob Booker and whilst appreciating resources were scarce, believed that without a strategy being put in place, the issue would not be brought under control. Another resident who has lived in Alton for two and a half years was invited by Councillor Matthew Bayliss to attend the meeting and address the committee. He recounted his experience of issues relating to a group of motor-cyclists who drive around the town from lunchtime until midnight on very noisy machines at excessive

speeds. Traffic calming measures do not appear to have any effect and the police, who are aware of the issues are also failing to do anything about the problem. He, too, is looking to the council to do something and urge the police to put a stop to this anti-social behaviour which is having an adverse effect on his mental health and well-being. Mr Souter made further representation stating that the police had advised that without decibel technology they were unable to take further action as the bikes in question satisfied the requirements in terms of their being legal. He further added that both the 101 service and website were equally dire and reaction time from the police was too slow.

Councillor Matthew Bayliss sought support from the Committee in tackling the issues highlighted and tabled options for consideration: seeking that those standing for election as the Police & Crime Commissioner position in May be individually invited to meet with representatives of the council to understand the issues relating to anti-social behaviour and be given the opportunity to state what they would do should they be successfully elected. Secondly the Community Partnership Meetings (organised by District but which had not met now for some considerable time due to Covid restrictions) be set up and established as Alton centric only with the Town Council establishing this forum and organising a meeting as soon as possible with stakeholders.

Councillor Pam Jones enquired of Councillor Matthew Bayliss what had transpired following his representation on the same subject to the Hampshire Association of Local Councils. In responding he advised that there was a lot of “making noise and getting nowhere”. This Council can do something about this. If the Chief Constable has the answer, the question remained as to “*who can get to the Chief Constable*” and it was his belief that this was the Police & Crime Commissioner hence his opinion that this link is the route that should be followed.

Councillor Matthew Bayliss believed there was still value in getting in touch with all candidates in order to alert them to the issues in Alton and that this council should get the Community Partnership Meetings up and running again in Alton.

In response, Councillor Graham Titterington advised that the committee had put a lot of effort into engaging with the police but acknowledged that limited progress had been made. He felt that the view of the committee was that there was value in communicating with the Police and Crime Commissioner candidates to make them aware of this problem and other antisocial behaviour issues affecting the town, once it has been worked out the best way to communicate with them on this as a council. Also, it is the wish of the committee to seek to convene the Community Partnership meeting, ideally within the auspices of EHDC but if not to do so as a Town Council. Further, Councillor Titterington took on board the comment from Councillor Joy that it would be as well to include the current Commissioner in communications albeit that he will only be in post until the beginning of May.

Councillor also suggested that a letter from the Mayor not just to the Commissioner but also to Chief Inspector Alex Reading would be appropriate.

2. A local resident has expressed concern to District Councillor Paula Langley at the grass verges in the vicinity of Pound Gate being churned up by irresponsible parking on the soft verges which have now turned to mud. This has been referred to EHDC Portfolio holders and County Councillor Andrew Joy with a desire that at District and County level a solution can be agreed.

3. A written representation from Bob Booker to the Chair of the Committee has been received (and circulated) raising the subject of noisy, speeding vehicles in the Town - from the incessant loud engines, racing vehicles (both cars and bikes). Mr Booker was seeking assistance from the Town Council to see if it can help in any way as approaches to the Police have apparently not evidenced a cessation in this anti-social behaviour which is becoming an increased nuisance to residents across the town.

234 Applications

- 235.1 **Planning Applications:** On the proposal of Councillor Pam Jones seconded by Councillor Ginny Boxall it was

RESOLVED

That the views of the committee in respect of each application are as set out in the appendix to the minutes.

- 235.2 **Licencing Applications:** On the proposal of Councillor Graham Titterington, seconded by Councillor Richard Platt it was

RESOLVED

That the views of the committee in respect of each application are as set out in the appendix to the minutes.

- 235.3 Other correspondence/reports/information:

- 235.3.1 EHDC have issued a Consent Notice in respect of Cleveland, 11 Basingstoke Road, Alton GU34 1QB (Planning application 34677/003 refers).

The Town Council had lodged a strong objection to this application and were disappointed that the Ward Councillor Ginny Boxall had not been successful in her request that this application be brought before the District Planning Committee. The Committee agreed that the Mayor would write to Simon Jenkins as the Director of Regeneration and Place at EHDC expressing Alton Town Council's concerns in an apparent change in Policy and seeking assurances that the democratic right of a Ward Councillor to request an application be referred to the District Planning Committee was still in place.

Mr. Tony Hazel (member of the public) was invited to speak and he also raised his concerns to the Committee that it would appear that the Ward Councillor had been refused their right to refer the matter to the District Planning Committee.

- 235.3.2 Notification from EHDC Licencing of a Hearing in respect of The Twisted Teacup application scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: 5 March 2021

Time: 10.00 am

Location: Remote – Skype for Business

NOTED

236 To consider any matters or reports pertaining to Highways/ Parking/Public Transport, Housing, Street Naming and any current Public Exhibitions/Consultations

- 236.1 East Hampshire District Council (Alton: Victoria Road) (Temporary Closure) Order 2021. It is expected that the works will last for 2 days or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner starting on or after the 25 February 2021 (attached). Notwithstanding, the above, it is expected that the closure will be required for 2 days between the hours of 9.30am and 3.30pm.
- Councillor Pam Jones raised her concerns at the number of road closures and route diversion signs currently in place across the town.
- 236.2 Stagecoach have advised of changes to the frequency of the No. 13 Bus Service which serves Alton to Basingstoke. Full details of the revised timetable can be found at https://tiscon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/South/Basingstoke/BA%2011%20Jan%202021/BE210110_Route13.pdf
- 236.3 South East Contracting have provided the following update in respect of the electrical upgrade works taking place in the High Street:
- Weyside Walk is now fully open and SSC have removed the barriers and swept and made good.
 - Bakers Alley – they are still working on this as there is one joint that is being a bit more problematical to be done, but it is open, but with restricted access until the work is complete.
- 236.4. County Councillor Andrew Joy advised Hampshire Highways have started litter picking/clearing the verges along the A31 from Four Marks to the Surrey border.
- 236.5 Hampshire County Council is seeking views on a vision, desired outcomes and the guiding principles behind a NEW Hampshire Local Transport Plan. Further information and to leave feedback visit <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan>
Feedback must be submitted by 28 February 2021
- 236.6 The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) is consulting on the draft Camping and Glamping Technical Advice Note (TAN). The purpose of the Camping and Glamping TAN is to give clear direction to all those involved in the planning application process regarding camping and glamping development in the South Downs National Park (SDNP). It should be read alongside the South Downs Local Plan (SDLP), in particular Policy SD23: Sustainable Tourism and the Partnership Management Plan (PMP). The final TAN will be a material consideration for relevant planning applications once published.
- Responding to the Consultation
The Camping and Glamping TAN is available to view on the SDNPA website. The consultation will run for a period of six weeks, starting on Tuesday 2 February 2021. All comments must be received by 11.59pm on Tuesday 16 March 2021.
- 236.7 The lorry check point on the A31 (Alresford) has now been removed and the road fully re-opened which was welcomed by the Committee.

The meeting finished at 8.24 p.m.

**COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE
PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2021**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Notification of Full Planning Application no:

1. 59091 Site Address: 64-66 Normandy Street, Alton, GU34 1DE
Proposal: Extend, remodel and refurbish to provide a total of 2 residential units above ground floor retail unit.
OBJECT for the following materials reasons:
 1. There are no windows (apart from roof lights) in any of the bedrooms and whilst these may provide ventilation they do not provide any means of emergency escape.
 2. There is no second entry or escape from any point in either flat (other than the main staircase).
 3. There is insufficient information provided on how the fumes and smell emanating from the fish and chip shop will be dealt with.

Prior Notification of Proposed Demolition - Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 Schedule 2 Part 31

1. 25050/061 Site Address: Alton Brewery, Lower Turk Street, Alton
Proposal: Prior notification - demolition of all buildings and structures
OBJECT for the following materials reasons:
 1. A resident's liaison committee must be established with initial meeting held with the developers prior to the commencement of any demolition work
 2. There is insufficient information provided on how dust and dirt will be contained within the site, including dust from asbestos and other hazardous materials.
 3. There must be an agreed wheel washing protocol for all vehicles leaving the site.
 4. Robust plans to prevent silt and debris being washed down the river into Kings Pond need to be agreed prior to commencement of any work on the site.
 5. In accepting that road and pavement closures will be necessary during the demolition of the perimeter wall, the Committee wishes to see stronger requirements to limit any footpath or road closure to the minimum possible period.

Notification of Householder application

1. 59073 Site Address: 4 Churchill Close, Alton, GU34 2RR

Proposal: Two storey side extension following demolition of existing garage

NO OBJECTION

2. 59069 Site Address: 3 New Paddock Close, Holybourne, Alton, GU34 4HN
Proposal: Conversion of the garage into a habitable space, extending the first floor above the garage. Loft conversion with rear dormer
NO OBJECTION

Notification of Lawful Development Certificate proposed application Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate

1. 50192/002 Site Address: 15 Lipscombe Rise, Alton, GU34 2HR
Proposed-single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing single storey workshop/utility.
NO OBJECTION
2. 50382/001 Site Address: 3 Will Hall Farm, Basingstoke Road, Alton, GU34 1QL
Proposal: Single storey extension to side/rear, dormer window to front, enlargement of dormer to rear and garden store following removal of conservatory.
NO OBJECTION
3. 59000 Site Address: 2 Pentons Close, Holybourne, Alton, GU34 4BE
Proposal: Loft conversion.
OBJECT for the following materials reasons:
There is insufficient information to support that there are 2 parking spaces available and therefore the application fails to comply with TR5 requirements contained within the Alton Neighbourhood Plan.
4. 59062 Site Address: 102 Greenfields Avenue, Alton, GU34 2EW
Proposal: single storey rear extension
NO OBJECTION

LICENCING

1. The Twisted Teacup Emporium & Bistro, 13 Market Square, Alton
Amended application – The amendments are as follows;
- During regulated entertainment, windows and doors shall remain closed except for access and egress
 - Live music will only take place indoors
- OBJECT for the following materials reasons:**
1. **Members of the Alton Town Council Planning Committee are concerned at the practicalities of keeping windows and doors shut after 11pm (especially during the summer) and the implications of health & safety particularly on customers/patrons of the establishment.**
 2. **The Committee repeats its previous objections of 27th January 2021: *On the grounds of potential for public nuisance and noise disturbance due to the close proximity of residential dwellings:***

*There should be no live music inside or outside the building after 11.00 p.m.
There should be no sale of alcohol outside the building after 11.00 p.m.*

Alton Town Council has no objection to any other aspect of the application.

TREE APPLICATIONS

1. 26031/016 Site Address: 101 Anstey Road, Alton, GU34 2RL
Re: Notification of intention to carry out Works to trees within a Conservation Area
Proposal: T1-Deodar Cedar-Reduce crown spread by approx 2m, leaving a crown height of 14.5m and a crown spread of 10m.
T2-Apple-Crown reduction to previous reduction points.
2. 28252/031 Site Address: The Lawn, London Road, Holybourne, Alton, GU34 4ER
Re: Notification of intention to carry out Works to trees within a Conservation Area
Proposal: 2x Lime-T1303- Crown lift to 3m. Reduce crown height by approx 5m, leaving a crown height of approx 20m.
T1304-Crown lift to 3m. Reduce crown height by approx 3m, leaving a crown height of approx 20m.
T1305 - Crown lift to 3m. reduce crown height by approx 2m leaving a crown height of approx 20m (amended proposal received 26/01/21)
3. 40000/003 Site Address: 161 London Road, Holybourne, Alton, GU34 4EY
Re: Application for consent for Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order
Proposal: T1 - Maturing Sweet Chestnut Tree - Crown lift over the road, footpath and garden to 6 metres from ground level. Reduce rogue lower lateral branches by 1 metre. All to keep symmetry of crown and give sufficient clearance for vehicular traffic
4. 51954/003 Site Address: Land West of, 17 Rakemakers, Holybourne, Alton
Re: Application for consent for Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order
Proposal: 0511 - Birch - Fell - Not viable to keep maturity; too close to homes
0870 - Oak - Fell - Not Viable to keep maturity; too close to homes
0872 - Oak - Fell - Not Viable to keep maturity; too close to homes
0873 - Birch - Fell - Poor Condition, Supressed
0513 - Birch - Remove 4 laterals 75mm diameter on south side, 1 lateral 75 mm diameter on west side, reduce 75 mm laterals at 4m on south side by 1.5m – To form adequate clearance
0510 - Ash - reduce spread to south by 2m from 8m to 6m, reduce spread to west by 1m from 7m to 6m, reduce height by 2m from 16m to 14m - reduction work to reduce loading on fork to bring risk of mechanical failure to acceptable level
OBJECT FOR THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL REASONS:
The Committee is concerned to receive an application to fell trees 0511:0870:0872:0873 which were all in situ when the development was built and as such should be retained with only routine maintenance being permitted.

5. 55245 Site Address: Copplestones, 10 Wilsom Road, Alton, GU34 2SR
Re: Application for consent for Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order
Proposal: T4 Remove. T5 Remove. T6 Remove. T7 Remove.
OBJECT FOR THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL REASONS:
The Committee is concerned to receive an application to fell trees T4: T5: T6 & T7 which were all in situ when the development was built and as such should be retained with only routine maintenance being permitted.
6. 57234/004 Site Address: 11 Fantails, Alton, GU34 2LN
Re: Application for consent for Works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order
Proposal: Pedunculate oak - Fell because of dangerous proximity to surrounding property's, re-plant with an oak tree or multiple

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