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Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held remotely on 26 November 2020 at 19:00

Chair: Councillor G Guest.

Councillors: E Andrews, K Haslett, J Johns, L Knight, M Smith.

Others present: S Reardon (Meeting Administrator).

PL81. Chair's Announcements

The Chair may make announcements relevant to the work of the Committee.

Note: Announcements are for information only and not for debate, discussion or questioning.

The Chair had no announcements to make.

PL82. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence. None.

PL83. Declarations of Interests

To receive any Declarations of Interest from Councillors and Officers in respect of matters to be considered at this meeting, together with an appropriate statement regarding the nature of the interest.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of the requirement to declare any interest, including the type of interest, and reason for that interest, either at this stage of the meeting or as soon as they become aware of that interest.

Councillor J Johns declared a personal interest in PL88 as she is known to the applicant.

Councillor M Smith declared a personal interest in PL88 as he is known to the applicant.

PL84. Minutes

To agree the minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee meetings held on 12 November 2020 and 17 November 2020.

Resolved that the minutes of 12 November 2020 are adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed as such.

Resolved that the minutes of 17 November 2020 are adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed as such.

PL85. Public Participation

15 minutes is set aside at the beginning of the meeting to enable members of the public to raise matters which are relevant to the work of the Committee. Up to 3 minutes is allowed for each question. It may not be possible to reply straightaway and the question may only be noted and a written response sent at a later date.

As there were no members of the public present, this section of the meeting did not take place.

PL86. Planning Matters

To consider and make comment on the following planning applications received by the Planning Authority and available to view on the [Planning Portal](#).

25 Manning Avenue, Cullompton ([20/01885/TPO](#)). Application to remove 1 Oak tree protected by Tree Preservation Order 97/00013/TPO.

Resolved that this application is referred to the Planning Authority without comment.

PL87. Licensing Matters

To consider the Licensing application received by the Licensing Authority in respect of Mr William Porter at 7 Fore Street, Cullompton.

Resolved that this licensing application in relation to Mr William Porter at Porter's Bar and Grill, 7 Fore Street, Cullompton is SUPPORTED.

PL88. Garden Village Initiative

To receive an oral update on the Garden Village Initiative.

There have been two Zoom meetings this week; talking points included:

- Mobility and transportation solutions in the broadest sense although it was considered that there seemed to be a push to remove the need for an owned vehicle at a dwelling in favour of alternative, public, transport.
- There were concerns that some of the ideas put forward would be impracticable in the real world. There needs to be a very "joined up" approach to the provision of public transport in all forms and that this transport needs to be fully accessible.
- There is a feeling in some engineering publications that the "bubble is about to burst" for electric only vehicles due to the recyclability of the batteries in these vehicles. More likely is that hybrid vehicles will, probably, be the way forward in the immediate future until other technology or improved battery technology comes forward.
- There is interest and some broad ideas surrounding a Country Park along the Culm from, almost, Willand to East Cullompton with potential links to, for example Diggerland and the wider network of paths and cycle paths. A Country Park at Cullompton could be in the region of 200 acres with, potentially, a retention lake on which water sports could take place; it is considered that such a facility could generate significant income for the local economy. Funding for the project would likely come from the usual s106 developer contributions with ongoing maintenance by subscription managed by a private concern.

PL89. Neighbourhood Plan

To receive an oral update on the Neighbourhood Plan and to note the Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter (Supporting Paper E).

Noted.

PL90. Member Questions

This agenda item is to give Councillors an opportunity to ask questions which are relevant to the work of the Committee.

Note: questions are to be for the purpose of obtaining information and not for debate nor discussion.

None.

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