

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council)

Present: Cllr Paton - Chair
Cllrs Anstey, Balthazar, Hinton, Millar and Wilson

In attendance: Paul Goddard, Town Clerk
Rachel Edwards, Asst Town Clerk
2 Members of the Public

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Howard, Lewendon, Perkins, Shering, Ward and White.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Hinton and Wilson declared an interest in planning application 24/10809 as they live near the proposed development.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2024 and report any matters arising

Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Millar and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th October 2024 be signed as a true record. All who attended were in favour.

Matters arising

Agenda item 7 - TPO/24/0457 is in relation to a new boardwalk and bridges through a woodland area on Strategic Site 17. NFDC staff, including an urban design manager and an ecologist, have walked through the woodland area in question to determine the best route and ensure that trees of importance were not harmed or removed.

Agenda item 10 - A possible breach of planning control was reported to NFDC at 29-31 HIGH STREET and 47-49 HIGH STREET.

4. To receive any matters raised by Members of the Public

No matters raised.

5. To report any Results on Planning Applications, Appeals, Tree Works Applications & Tree Preservation Orders made

Application 24/10860

SITE: LAND ADJACENT TO THE WHEELWRIGHTS POST, SALISBURY ROAD, BURGATE, FORDINGBRIDGE, SP6 1NA
DESCRIPTION: Request for and EIA Screening Opinion in respect of the erection of a 70-bedroom care home (Use Class C2) with associated access, parking, landscaping and ancillary facilities (Screening Opinion)
DECISION: EIA not required

Application 24/10273

SITE: Land rear of 7 FRYERN COURT ROAD, BURGATE, FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 1NG
DESCRIPTION: Erection of 2no. detached dwellings, garaging, access and associated works. (Outline application - access only)
DECISION: Withdrawn by Applicant

Application 24/10779

SITE: 57 CHURCH STREET, FORDINGBRIDGE, SP6 1BB
DESCRIPTION: Demolition and replacement of existing conservatory with new single-storey extension; external alterations
DECISION: Granted Subject to Conditions

Application 24/10595

SITE: SS16 LAND NORTH OF, STATION ROAD, FORDINGBRIDGE, SP6 1JW
(NB: SUBJECT TO LEGAL AGREEMENT)
DESCRIPTION: Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 23/10316 to allow the following amendments -
Substitution of private house types including mix change which maintains the approved 198 home total, and conversion of a number of car barns/ports to garages
DECISION: Granted Subject to Conditions

Application 24/10337

SITE: 1 BOWERWOOD COTTAGES, ASHFORD ROAD, FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 3BU (NB: SUBJECT TO UNILATERAL UNDERTAKING)
DESCRIPTION: Application for approval under paras 75-78 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (General Development Order) for a temporary camp site for a period of 60 days
DECISION: Granted

Application 24/01029FULL

SITE: Moorland House, SALISBURY ROAD, BURGATE, FORDINGBRIDGE, SP6 1LY
DESCRIPTION: Alterations to the white PVC conservatories
DECISION: Grant Subject to Conditions

Tree Work Decisions

Case Ref: CONS/24/0441
Proposed Works: Apple Tree - Fell
Site Address: THE ORCHARD, 19 BARTONS ROAD, FORDINGBRIDGE, SP6 1JD
Decision: Raise No Objections

Case Ref: CONS/24/0447
Proposed Works: Cherry x 1 Fell
Site Address: The Orchard, 19 Bartons Road, Fordingbridge, SP6 1JD
Decision: Raise No Objections

6. To consider new Planning Applications

24/10809	LAND TO WEST OF, WHITSBURY ROAD, FORDINGBRIDGE	- - Pennyfarthing Homes
Reserved matters application for 74 residential dwellings and associated Alternative Natural Recreational Greenspace, public open space and ancillary infrastructure, and discharge of conditions 7,12,15,17,18,21,22,23,25,27,28,29,30,31, 32,33,34,36,38,40 & 41. (Details of appearance, landscaping, layout & scale, pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 21/10052)		
Cllr Paton presented this application and summarised the reports. A member of the public asked the Council their view on sustainability and carbon usage of these houses, saying that local communities can lead the way in shaping how sustainable developments are. She specifically mentioned heating mechanisms. Action: Clerk to write to NFDC to regarding sustainability of new developments. Cllr Millar proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Anstey and therefore RESOLVED: to recommend REFUSAL under PAR4 for planning application 24/10809 as a number of other consultees have raised issues that have not yet been addressed. All in favour.		

24/10951	28 SHAFTESBURY STREET, FORDINGBRIDGE, SP6 1JF	Tygwin Limited
Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 23/10758 to allow alterations to windows and door on front elevation; associated amendments to Condition 3 (materials), Condition 5 (landscaping), Condition 6 (EV charging); Condition 7 (Ecological Enhancements) and Condition 9 (Water Efficiency and Phosphates)		
Cllr Wilson proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Anstey and therefore RESOLVED: to recommend PERMISSION under PAR3 as it is not much different to the original on which we recommended approval. All in favour.		

24/10870	38 STATION ROAD, FORDINGBRIDGE, SP6 1JW	Mr Palmer
Demolition of existing front extension, conservatory and garage; Construction of single-storey front and rear extensions; extension to provide additional first floor accommodation; replacement garage building with games room		
Cllr Hinton proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Millar and therefore RESOLVED: to recommend PAR5: We are happy to accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers. All in favour.		

7. To consider new Tree Works Applications

Members noted the following applications.

Case Ref: CONS/24/0490
Proposed Works: Yew x 2 - Reduce
Lime x 11 - Re-pollard
Site Address: St Marys Church, Church Street, Fordingbridge

Case Ref: CONS/24/0498
Proposed Works: Yew x 2 -Reduce
Ginkgo - Reduce
Site Address: 66 Church Street, Fordingbridge, SP6 1BE

Case Ref: CONS/24/0503
Proposed Works: Hawthorne - Remove
Bay Tree - Reduce
Site Address: Willow Cottage, Bickton Lane, Bickton, Fordingbridge, SP6 2HA

8. To consider any Licensing Act 2003 applications

Members noted the following application.

Our Ref:	TEN 11676 / LICTE/24/05545 - ACH
Date:	15 October 2024
Application Type:	Temporary Events Notice
Date(s) Of Proposed Event:	07/11/2024 17:00:00 to 07/11/2024 21:00:00
Premise Address:	Friends of Fordingbridge Infant School Fordingbridge Federation Pta Fordingbridge Infant & Junior School, Pennys Lane, Fordingbridge, SP6 1HJ
Applicant Details:	Debra Poole
Event Details:	Firework Display The sale by retail of alcohol 07 November 2024 1700 hrs to 2100 hrs 200 persons

9. To consider a response to the NFDC consultation on a revised statement of community involvement

The New Forest District Council has published a revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for public consultation from Wednesday 23rd October – Friday 6th December 2024. The SCI establishes NFDC commitment to public engagement during the planning process and sets out how the Council will involve the public and other organisations. It covers the New Forest District area (outside of the National Park) and relates to activities such as applications for planning permission, allocation of CIL funds, site allocation, and the preparation of planning policies including the Local Plan. This revised version will replace the previous SCI adopted in 2020.

It was agreed that Cllr Hinton would draft a response for the Clerk to circulate to members and submit if in agreement.

[Edit – response submitted on 21st November 2024 as below:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised Statement of Community Involvement.

Please accept the following comments in response to the public consultation.

- The document appears generic in its format, content, commitments and is very similar to other such documents produced across the country*
- It is considered that more should be said about the challenge of effective consultation and engagement, and any specific factors locally that impact on this. More consideration and commitment should be given to more innovative ways of consultation and engagement to achieve local ways of doing things*
- More should be said about how engagement is to be achieved with hard-to-reach groups and those that have traditionally not engaged in the planning process, and especially local plan preparation*
- More should be said and committed to in terms of consultation and engagement with Parish / Town Councils regarding local plan preparation especially those most affected, rather than a one size fits all.*
- We believe commitment should be given to setting up and holding biannual Parish/ Town Forum meetings to enable NFDC briefings on a range of subjects and issues including local plan progress and legislation changes etc.]*

10. To note any items of correspondence

Virgin Media O2 intend to install above ground cabinets at the following locations, to provide service in Fordingbridge. Scheme FORD-X-AA01 – 1 Meadow Close, 11 Avon Meade, 10 Willow Avenue, 28 Allenwater Drive, 5 Pealsham Gardens, 1 Meadow Avenue, 1 Oaklands Close. Scheme FORD-X-AA02 – 10 Pennys Lane, 43 Waverley Road. Scheme FORD-X-AA03 - 30 Park Road, 14 Bruyn Road, 1 Alexandra Road, 20 Alexandra Road, 1 Lyster Road, 36 St Georges Road and 9 Pembridge Road.

11. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant planning business

The SS16 **Archaeological briefing pack** has been circulated to members. It is hoped that a presentation will be made by the archaeological team at the Annual Town Assembly in April 2025.

New Forest District Council has opened a **Call for Sites** as an initial part of the full review of the adopted Local Plan for New Forest District outside the National Park with a closing date for submissions of Friday 13 December 2024.

12. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 11th December 2024

The meeting closed at 8.24pm.