

MINUTES of the **PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING** held at Epping Hall, St. Johns Road, Epping on **Tuesday, 26th March 2024** at **7.15pm**.

PRESENT: Cllr N Avey (Chairman)
Cllr C Burgess (Mayor - *ex officio*)
Cllr C McCredie (Deputy Mayor - *ex officio*)
Cllr G Scruton
Cllr R Sharif

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the press were present. No members of the public were present.

OFFICER: Geraldine Vallis (Planning & Events Officer)

474 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Wright (Vice Chairman).

475 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 7 Planning Applications (Non-Pecuniary)

Cllr C McCredie and Cllr R Sharif requested an entry to be made in the minutes, to make it clear, that as members of both the Town and District Councils, they will reconsider all matters at District level taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at the District tier. Therefore, they cannot be bound in any way by any view expressed in the parish tier or by the decisions of this Committee.

476 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

477 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Committee **RESOLVED** that:

the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & General Purposes Committee held on Tuesday, 12th March 2024 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

478 PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

There were no public questions or comments.

479 NOTICES AND INFORMATION

The Planning & Events Officer advised members of a notification has been received from WHP Telecoms Ltd on behalf of Cellnex about a proposed communications installation at 33 High Street, Epping CM16 4LY.

The Pre-planning Consultation Letter and Drawings were included to the proposed upgrade to existing equipment and associated ancillary works. The applicant is preparing to make an application to Epping Forest District Council, and it is possible that in due course the District Council may notify Epping Town Council about it. Committee **CONSIDERED** this matter and **DECIDED** that there were no comments to make.

480 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Committee **CONSIDERED** the following planning and tree applications received from Epping Forest District Council since the date of the previous meeting until the date of this agenda.

EPF/0458/24	St Margaret's Hospital, The Plain Epping, CM16 6TN Lawson Planning Partnership Ltd	Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Request in connection with the proposed Community Diagnostic Centre at St Margaret's Hospital, Epping (Phase 1).
Committee have NO OBJECTION to this application and are broadly in support of its development.		
EPF/0358/24	14A Tower Road Epping CM16 5EL Mrs Sharon Berman	Single storey rear extension and existing utility room roof to be raised.
Committee have NO OBJECTION to this application.		
EPF/0389/24	183 High Street Epping CM16 4BH Loungers UK Limited	External alterations to existing building plus installation of plant and extract equipment.
Committee have NO OBJECTION to this application provided the work is carried out under the supervision of the conservation officer at EFDC. The committee refer in particular to the outside of this locally listed building to ensure that none of the external fabric is damaged.		
EPF/0406/24	218 High Street Epping CM16 4AR Nationwide Building Society	Advertisement consent for various replacement signage.
Committee have NO OBJECTION to this application provided the work is carried out under the supervision of the conservation officer at EFDC.		
EPF/0433/24	87 Bower Hill Epping CM16 7AW Mr Hang	Application to increase the width of existing dropped kerb from 3 no flat kerbs to 5 no flat kerbs.
Committee have NO OBJECTION to this application.		

481 OTHER

These are provided for information only, EFDC do not normally accept comments on these applications.

EPF/0493/24	9 Bower Vale Epping CM16 7AS Mrs Emma	Certificate of lawful development for proposed rear single storey side extension and hip to gable loft
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	Whitcomb-Seed	conversion with rear dormer.
Committee NOTED this application.		

482 **EFDC PLANNING DECISIONS**

Committee **NOTED** the following planning decisions.

Withdrawn:

EPF/1798/23			
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Delegated Cases:**GRANTED:**

EPF/2675/23	EPF/2627/23	EPF/1827/23	EPF/2509/23
EPF/1828/23	EPF/2750/23	EPF/2399/23	EPF/0029/24
EPF/0094/24	EPF/2451/23	EPF/2774/23	EPF/0004/24
EPF/2564/23			

Delegated Cases:**REFUSED:**

EPF/2747/23			
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COMMITTEE CASES

GRANTED None

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REFUSED None

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.46pm.

Signature of Chairman

Date