

GREAT BEDWYN PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Meeting

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Great Bedwyn Parish Council. 11th January 2024 in the Memorial Hall, Frog Lane, Gt. Bedwyn commencing at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs Cooper (Committee Chairman), Wyatt, White.

1. **To vote on a Chairman for the Committee.**

A proposal was made for Cllr Cooper to be Chairman of the committee until May 24. The proposal was seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.

There were no other nominations.

2. **Public recess: 6 members of the public. The following are all comments from residents.**

- Comments raised on sewerage. A letter will be sent to Thames Water asking for clarification. Cllr Cooper will write to Thames Water. A copy of the letter will be available on request.
- The application for 17 Granary Road has been withdrawn.
- A letter was submitted regarding a consultation on the Wiltshire Local Plan. The resident asked due to a concern with the response from GBPC being agreed by Planning Committee and not Full Council. The response will be presented to the council at the March Full council meeting for ratification. *To note that the official deadline for responses to WCC has been reached.*
- Question raised about affordable housing. A letter will be sent to Wiltshire Council asking for a definition. It was noted it was not possible to do a housing needs assessment. The Clerk will write to WCC asking for their definition of affordable housing, or will find the definition on their website. This definition will be noted at the next applicable planning meeting, along with any comments GBPC wish to include.

3. **Apologies** were received from Cllr Sanday (unwell) and Cllr Sims (Family Commitment) The committee proposed to vote in in favour of accepting these apologies. The proposal was seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.

4. **Declarations of interest for agenda items:** none

5. **Review and approve last Planning committee minutes from 9th and 17th November 2023.** All Cllrs were in favour of accepting both minutes as an accurate representation of the meeting. To note there was no Jan 24 meeting.

6. **Review any Action points from last Planning Committee minutes:** Pending. Move to Feb meeting.

7. **Planning applications to be considered:**

Consider and vote on Planning applications:

- a. PL/2023/08641 amended. 21 Coster View, Great Bedwyn. Single storey rear extension

A proposal was made to object to this application as the proposed extension was too close to the boundary of the property. The proposal was seconded and the majority of Cllrs in favour.

- b. **17 Granary Road.** PL/2023/10611. First floor extension over garage and new orangery adjoining kitchen
Withdrawn by the applicant. No discussion or vote.

- c. PL/2023/104766 Forestry Houses, Great Bedwyn Creation of a two storey extension to create a new kitchen, second bathroom and to allow the bedrooms to be enlarged.

A proposal was made to respond with No objection to this application. The proposal was seconded and the majority of Cllrs were in favour.

- d. PL/2023/11021. 39 CHURCH STREET, GREAT BEDWYN (1) Remove top 30% of overgrown apple tree (crown reduction) (2) Remove lower branches of magnolia tree to increase headroom on path to the side of the house

A proposal was made to respond with No objection to this application. The proposal was seconded and the majority of Cllrs were in favour.

8. **Consider and vote on any planning application issued by Wiltshire Council after the publication of this agenda.** There were none.

9. **Items for next agenda:**

Sustainability Statement with declared climate emergency. Add to March full council meeting. The current statement, with any required amendments will be added to the March full council meeting for approval.

*Standing Orders section 3, items e, f, g & h. Approved May 2023 **Local Government Act 1972

Date of next Planning meeting. Thursday 8th February 2024 6.30pm. Great Bedwyn Memorial Hall, Frog Lane.

Signed: *Clair Wilkinson*. Parish Clerk

Committee members: Sylvia Wyatt, Paul Sims, Dom Cooper (Committee Chairman), Bruce White, Dawn Sanday.

Action points:

Clerk. Nov 23 Point 9. The Clerk has an action to write to Aster Homes to ask for their policy on rental/sale of affordable homes they own.

Clerk. Jan 24 Point 9. Add update of planning TOR/Sustainability Statement to March 24 Full council agenda if required.

Cllr Cooper Jan 24 Point 2. Write to Thames Water re sewerage. A copy to be sent to the Clerk for council records.

Clerk Jan 24 Point 2. Add the reply to the Local Plan to the March 24 full council meeting for ratifying.

Clerk Jan 24. Point 2. To write to WCC to ask for their definition of affordable housing. Add item agenda to next applicable planning meeting to record this and add any GBPC specific additions to this definition.