**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REMOTE MEETING**

**HELD ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 6.00PM**

**Present:**

Cllr U Arnold Cllr E Kelly (chair)

Cllr S Brooke Cllr A Kerswell\*

Cllr R Bradshaw Cllr T Allen

**In attendance:**

Cllr G Gribble\*\*/\*

Mr M Wells – Town Clerk

Ms N Elford – Assistant Town Clerk

One member of the public

\*\*County Cllr

\*District Cllr

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Kelly

***Interests declared****:* None

**PL.20/64 Apologies for absence**:

 Cllr J Arnold – Personal commitment

**\*\*Public Participation:**

**None noted**

**PL.20/65 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 13th July 2020 *(\*copy previously circulated)* were confirmed as a correct record and were approved.

**PL.20/66 Standing Item – Climate Emergency:**

Members noted the Council Declaration to embed the climate emergency declaration across all Council services, activities, plans and other relevant work, considering the environmental impact of decisions, ensuring a fully integrated approach to mitigating the impact of climate change.

**PL.20/67 Consideration of Planning Applications**:

 Deferred item:

a) **19/02541/MAJ** Construction of industrial building (for manufacturing, administration and support space), access and associated parking at land at Heathlands, Old Newton Road.

Observations: No objection provided no significant issues are raised by the Ecology Officer.

 DNPA Applications listed to 7.8.20: None

 TDC Applications listed 14.8.20

b) **20/01412/NPA** Application for Prior Approval under Part 3 Class Q (a) & (b) and paragraph W of the GPDO for change of use of an agricultural building from agricultural use to one dwelling at Five Wyches Farm, Road from Lower Down Pottery to the Fire Station.

 Observations: No objection.

c) **20/01423/HOU** Insertion of new window openings to west elevation at Swallow Barn, Lower Bradley Farm.

 Observations: No objection.

 DNPA Applications listed to 14.8.20

d) **0373/20** Timber garden building for use as ancillary accommodation, retention of garage, as approved under ref 0592/18, for parking vehicles at Spring Gardens, Lowerdown

 Observations: No objection.

 TDC Applications listed to 21.8.20

e) **20/01439/HOU** Proposed single storey rear extension at 1 Fairfield Close

 Observations: No Objection.

 DNPA Applications listed to 21.8.20

 TDC Applications listed to 28.8.20

f) **20/01448/HOU** Construction of hardstanding with retaining wall at 10 Priory

 Observations: Refer to TDC. Objection to the application due to the proposed surface material of the hard standing (block paviours) potentially not supporting the responsibilities of both the Town and District Council’s Climate EmergencyDeclarations.

**PL.20/76 Applications Delegated to the Town Clerk (Noted):**

h) **20/01410/TPO** Remove limb of one ash tree where overhanging neighbouring property at Hilary House, Ashburton – Referred to TDC’s Arboricultural Officer.

**PL.20/77 Planning Decisions**: Noted

**a) Approvals**:

 **TDC:**

i) Change of use from commercial vehicle repairers to Use Classes B1, B2 & B8 with ancillary Sui Generis use for electric moped/motorcycle test facilities with wholesale distribution at Brian Harris Ltd, Pottery Road. (O)

 ii) Fell one dead pine tree at Oaklands, Thorn Cross. (N/C)

 iii) Prune one oak and one ash by up to 2m where overhanging at Oaklands, Thorn Cross. (N/C)

 iv) Shorten limbs of one oak tree (T4) by 2m where overhanging road at Down Park. (N/C)

 v) Provision of hard standing at 14 & 16 Cromwells Way. (N/O)

 vi) Conversion of existing garage, replacement garage and replacement conservatory with orangery at 9 Kiln Road. (N/O)

 vii) Crown reduce three oaks and one beech at land south of Pottery Road. (Ref’d)

 viii) Stopping up of a section of the Public Right of Way, known as Bovey Tracey Footpath 8, and creation of new alternative section of footpath under Section 257 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 at land west of Blenheim Terrace. (Objection withdrawn) .

 ix) Detached garage with log store and studio over at Whitstone House. (N/O)

 x) Remove existing single glazed timber window, demolition of brickwork below, replace with single glazed timber French doors and two masonry steps at Little Wolleigh. (N/O)

 xi) Replace the concrete roof tiles with grey metal roofing sheets at Tamar, 27 Coombe Close. (N/O)

 xii) In woodland area W1, crown lift one beech, crown lift hazel, yew, sycamore and ash. Fell one leaning ash and reduce two limbs of one oak by 1m at Indio Cottage, Newton Road. (Ref’d)

 xiii) Rear extension at Ashwell Cottage, Trough Lane. (N/O)

 xiv) Proposed extension and alterations including new garage and decking area at St Davids, Coombe Meadow. (N/O)

 **DNPA:**

 i) Change of use from redundant barn to holiday unit at Plumley Barn, Forder Lane. (N/O)

 ii) Erection of bat roost at site north west of Plumley Barn, Forder Lane. (N/O)

 **DCC:**

 i) Erection of an octagonal timber shelter at the south eastern end of the School Playing Field, Cromwells Way. (N/O)

 b) Refusals: None

 c) Split Decision:

 i) The crown lifting of one oak to 6m above ground where overhanging and reduce one limb of northern canopy by 2m - Refused

 The removal of epicormic growth from the main stem of the tree – Approved

 Location - 4 Cavalry Drive, Heathfield

 ii)The pruning of lateral branches and height reduction of the trees shown in the submitted annotated photographs numbered 3,4,6,7,8 – Refused

 The pruning of lateral branches shown in the submitted annotated photographs numbered 1,2,5 – **Approved**  Location – 23 Naseby Drive, Heathfield

 *The Town Council’s submitted observations: No objections – N/O. Objection*

 *– O. Referred – Ref’d. Not consulted – N/C.*

**PL.20/78 Recess Report:**

 Members received and noted the report and observations made on planning applications considered during the recess period *(\*copy previously circulated).*

**PL.20/79 Licensing Act 2003:**

Members discussed the consultation on the Draft Review of the Statement of Licensing Policy (\*copy previously circulated). It was noted that Cllr Kerswell will be attending a training session shortly. It was therefore agreed to defer the item until for consideration at the next meeting.

**PL.20/80 General Planning Matters brought forward by Councillors**:

 *(For information only)*

**Cllr Kerswell** referred to:

i) the broken viewing platform and overgrown walkway at Pottery Pond

ii) the condition of the Royal Mail postbox along Le Molay Littry Way

iii) positive comments on social media relating to the Riverside Community Centre

iv) the condition of the bus shelter at Coombe Close

**Cllr Kelly** referred to postbox decoration being the joint responsibility of Historic England and Royal Mail

**Cllr Brooke** agreed to circulate correspondence from Mel Stride MP in relation to Article 4 and change of use of buildings in the High Street.

 **Cllr Bradshaw** highlighted an overgrown hedge at Bradley Bends which is encroaching into the Highway

 **Cllr Kelly** referred to the 1500kgs weight limits advertised at Mary Street & Station Road Car Parks. Cllr Gribble has reported to the District Council’s Portfolio Holder (Cllr Nina Jefferies) who is progressing the issue.

 The Town Clerk updated members on an initial response from the freeholder of the Co- operative car park (Station Road) in relation to investigating potential enhancements to improve public safety.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm