**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON 3RD APRIL 2023 AT 6:15PM**

**Present:**

Cllr J Arnold Cllr S Brooke

Cllr R Bradshaw Cllr S Light

**In attendance:**

The Town Clerk

The Assistant Town Clerk

Cllr C Burton

Cllr G Gribble\*/\*\*

Four members of the public.

**Absent**:

Cllr Mrs A Kerswell

\* District Cllr

\*\* County Cllr

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Light.

**PL.23/36 Apologies for absence**:

Cllr U Arnold – Unwell

Cllr E Kelly – Personal commitment

**PL.23/37 Declarations of Interest:**

None.

 **Public Participation:**

A member of the public spoke in relation to item 23/00230/FUL (retrospective planning application) advising members that District Council business rates have been paid since July 2020 and that the District Council were aware of the proposed changes at the same time and confirmed this by email. The applicant provided further information.

Cllr Burton spoke in relation to item 23/00059/MAJraising concerns on behalf of residents, including, but not limited to: school provision and places generated from any development and what impact this might have, green spaces available, traffic and access to services and infrastructure in general.

**PL.23/38 Minutes:**

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2023 *(\*copy previously circulated)* were confirmed as a correct record and were approved.

 ii) There were no updates on actions/items from the previous meeting.

**PL.23/39****Standing Item – Climate and Ecology Emergency:**

Membersnoted the Council Declaration and the need 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.23/40 Consideration of Planning Applications**:

 DNPA Applications listed to 24.02.23:

 None.

 TDC Applications listed to 03.03.23:

1. **23/00230/FUL** Retrospective change of use from former parking and storage area to café; The Mill, St Johns Lane, Bovey Tracey.

A discussion took place around the previous concerns lodged about noise generated from activities in this location.

**Observations:** No objection.

 DNPA Applications listed to 03.03.23:

 None.

 TDC Applications listed to 10.03.23:

1. **22/02232/MAJ** Outline – 18 self-build dwelling plots (all matters reserved for future consideration); Land North of Bradley Road, Bovey Tracey.

**Observations:** No objection.

1. **23/00059/MAJ** Outline application for residential development for up to 137 dwellings (approval sought for access); Land at Old Newton Road, Heathfield.

**Observations:** Membersobject to the current application. i) road safety concerns raised and insufficient information available (e.g. no revised Transport Assessment issued), ii) conflicts with Bovey Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy LE6 – Lowland Heath, iii) loss of Heathfield Pennyroyal County Wildlife Site without details of compensating for the loss and iv) capacity of infrastructure in the area impacted by the additional development.

1. **23/00300/HOU** Proposed upper floor balcony and drive to be widened; 9 Crockers Meadow, Bovey Tracey.

**Observations:** No objection.

 DNPA Applications listed to 10.03.23:

 None.

 DNPA Applications listed to 17.03.23:

 None.

**PL.23/41 Applications Delegated to the Town Clerk:**

Members noted the following observations delegated to the Town Clerk:

 **a) 23/00350/CAN** T11, Ash: Fell, T2, Alder: Remove deadwood, Ash (twin stemmed): Fell; Waterside, Bovey Tracey (Observations: Referred to Arboricultural Officer)

 **b) 23/00299/TPO** Holly, Hazel and Ash: Crown reduce back to a height of approximately 3m; Cypress, Brimley Road, Bovey Tracey (Observations: Referred to Arboricultural Officer)

 **c) 23/00363/TPO** A1, Rhodedendrum, Willow, Elder and Holly: Coppice all marked stems, maximum diameter of cut 10 cm. T1, Holm Oak: Remove single 10 cm branch. G1, Three Willow, Fell. G2, Two Yew: Cut back overhanging branches, maximum diameter of cut 25mm. T2, Cypress: Reduce stem to a height of 2.5m, to form part of a hedge G3, Two Oaks: Cut back branches over driveway, maximum diameter of cut 50mm; Treetops, Newton Road, Bovey Tracey (Observations: Referred to Arboricultural Officer)

**PL.23/42** **Planning Decisions:**

 Members noted the following planning decisions:

1. **Approvals:**
TDC:

**i) 23/00155/HOU** Single storey rear conservatory; 5 Blue Waters, New Park, Bovey Tracey (Observations: No objection)

**ii) 22/02197/TPO** Crown lift over western aspect to approx. 5m above ground level, Crown thin by approx. 15% of total leaf area; 29 Kiln Road, Bovey Tracey (Observations: Referred to Arboricultural Officer)

**iii) 23/00227/TPO** G081200, Mixed broadleaves and conifers: Crown lift roadside only, pull back from footpath to avoid interference with the public. Cut round all street lights; Clifford Drive Heathfield (Observations: Referred to Arboricultural Officer)

**iv) 23/00225/TPO** G26.1, unidentified trees – clear from street light; Oliver Place, Heathfield (Observations: Referred to Arboricultural Officer)

**v) 23/00224/TPO** W1 and G0.1, Mixed broadleaves and conifers. Crown lift to 3m on the footway side only; Battle Road, Heathfield (Observations: Referred to Arboricultural Officer)

**vi) 22/01821/FUL** Change of use of first floor to residential apartment, with associated external alterations; 54 Fore Street, Bovey Tracey (Observations: No objection)

DNPA:

None.

**b)** **Refusals:**
 TDC:

None.

DNPA:

 None

**PL.23/43 General Planning Matters brought forward by Councillors**: *(For information only)*

**Cllr Brooke** requested an update in relation to the pending applications at Dartmoor Business Units. The Town Clerk advised that applications remain undetermined at the current time.

Meeting closed at 6:52pm