**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON 17th FEBRUARY 2025 AT 6:00PM**

**Present:**

Cllr U Arnold Cllr E Kelly

Cllr S Brooke Cllr G Kennedy

Cllr C Day Cllr S Simmons

Cllr M Evans

**In attendance:**

The Town Clerk

*The meeting was chaired by Cllr Simmons.*

**PL.25/17 Apologies for absence**:

 None.

**PL.25/18 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensations:**

None.

 **Public Participation:**

None.

**PL.25/19 Minutes:**

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2025 (*\*copy previously circulated*) were confirmed as a correct record and were approved, subject to one minor amendment in relation to application 24/01753/MAJ.

ii) The were no actions/items arising from the previous meeting that required any updates.

**PL.25/20 Standing Item – Climate and Ecology Emergencies:**

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**.**

Cllr Simmons referred to the declaration to make Bovey Tracey and Heathfield carbon neutral by 2025. The Town Clerk advised members that the Carbon Baseline Monitoring report would be on the next agenda for consideration. Cllr Brooke invited the CABH group to present a report to the Annual Town Meeting in March 2025.

**PL.25/21 Consideration of Planning Applications**:

 **DNPA Applications listed w/c 27.01.25:**

None.

**TDC Applications listed to w/e 31.01.25**:

 None.

 **DNPA Applications listed w/c 03.02.25:**

 None.

 **TDC Applications listed to w/e 07.02.25:**

 **a) 25/00030/FUL** Replacement of existing garage with ancillary annexe; 13 Pottery Road, Bovey Tracey.

 **Observations:** No objection, however, the following observations were made:

1. Concerns raised about safety with only 1 point of egress.
2. There should be no increase in vehicles as parking is already very limited
3. Construct sustainably in accordance with NDP Policy Objective H05.
4. Conditions imposed to ensure that the building remains strictly ancillary to the main dwelling. The current application appears to include a kitchen.

**PL.25/22**  **Applications Delegated to the Town Clerk:**

 Members noted the following applications delegated to the Town Clerk:

1. **25/00198/TPO** T1 – Oak with tag number 0368, fell to ground level. T2 – Oak with tag number 0367, crown lift to 2.1m over path and reduce crown spread on the west-side growing towards 8 Prince Rupert Way by 1m back from the boundary to suitable growth points; Land Adj 8 Prince Rupert Way, Heathfield (Observations: Referred to TDC Arboricultural Officer).

**PL.25/23 Planning Decisions**:

 Members noted the following planning decisions:

1. **Approvals:**
TDC:

 **i) 24/01954/TPO** Willows G1 – Repollard and re-coppice the entire group. Oaks T0017 and T0018 – crown reduction by 2 metres with the final cuts no bigger than 75mm; Mixed species G2 – remove the branches and small leaning trees; Heathfield Units, Battle Road, Bovey Tracey (Observations: Referred to TDC Arboricultural Officer).

 **ii) 24/02027/TPO** Removal of 5 Ash Trees; Land to the East of St Johns Close and West of Indio House, Bovey Tracey (Observations: Referred to TDC Arboricultural Officer).

 **iii) 24/02078/TPO** T9 – Reducing the crown in height by removing the longer over extended branches by approximately 3 metres, reduce lower lateral crown to the south via thinning by approximately 2-3 metres and reduce eastern lateral crown by approximately 2 metres; Shipley, Brimley Grange, Bovey Tracey (Observations: Referred to TDC Arboricultural Officer).

 **iv) 24/01878/LBC** Replace ground floor front window with a new window, on south elevation; 48 East street, Bovey Tracey (Observations: No objection and support the improvement to the property).

DNPA:

 None.

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

 None.

DNPA:

None.

**PL.25/24** **General Planning related matters brought forward by Councillors**:

 **Cllr Day** enquired about the future use of the employment land off Monks Way. No further details have been released as to what the site will be used for.

 **Cllr Kelly** advised that the Dolphin is currently closed whilst new tenants are being sourced.

 **Cllr Simmons** advised that the NDP Review Group have recently met and are devising an action plan to progress the review.

 **Cllr Simmons** advised members of recent attendance at the TDC Planning Forum and that the Town Clerk has circulated the presentation slides. Due to the comprehensive reporting on use of CiL funds, the Town Clerk will circulate the presentation wider to all Councillors.

 **Cllr Simmons** advised that two EV charging stations are being installed in Station Road Car Park.

Meeting closed at 6.38pm.