

**Minutes of the Council (Planning) Meeting held on
Wednesday 2 August 2023**

Present Councillor H Belcher OBE (Chair)
Councillors S Abbott, N Brakspear, J Brook, A Brown, T Ellis,
N Farmer, R Hopkinson, M Jackson, A Mackie, A Thomas,
A White.

In Attendance Mr D Martin (Chief Executive)

In Attendance Online Councillor J Robertson.

PL 22/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors T Bush, G McCaffery and G Ward and R Williams.

PL 23/23 Public Question Time and Petitions

There were none.

PL 24/23 Declarations of Interest

Councillor J Brook declared a non-pecuniary interest in application - PL/2023/05605 16 Potley Lane - The formation of a new driveway at the front of the property which requires a dropped kerb as new vehicle access to the property onto Potley Lane as friend of a nearby resident. He remained in the room during the discussion and decision on the item.

Councillor H Belcher declared a non-pecuniary interest in application - PL/2023/05388 Lanes End Farm, 4 Lanes End - Use of agricultural land for stationing of Airstream caravan for tourist accommodation as an Airbnb owner in Corsham. She remained in the room during the discussion and decision on the item.

PL 25/23 Applications

CORSHAM GASTARD WARD

PL/2023/05388 Lanes End Farm, 4 Lanes End - Use of agricultural land for stationing of Airstream caravan for tourist accommodation.

Resolved: that no objection be raised subject to:

i) approval of Wiltshire Council's Ecologist and that any mitigation measures are secured by condition;

ii) the proposed treatment plant being acceptable to Wiltshire Council on environmental grounds;

iii) any possible negative effect on the nearby listed building and its curtilage being addressed.

CORSHAM LADBROOK WARD

PL/2023/05803 50 Broadmead – Two-storey rear extension.

Resolved: that, subject to the proposal meeting Wiltshire Council's parking standards, no objection be raised.

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

PL/2023/04867 19 Academy Drive - Consent under Tree Preservation Orders - Pollard Sycamore Tree (T1) located at the back of property. Pollard tree down to top of clematis as sycamore has outgrown its environment.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

PL/2023/05605 16 Potley Lane - The formation of a new driveway at the front of the property which requires a dropped kerb as new vehicle access to the property onto Potley Lane.

Resolved: that, subject to Wiltshire Council Highways support, no objection be raised.

Reservations were expressed about the loss of parking within the lay-by and the legality of existing dropped kerbs/accesses. Officers were asked to seek clarification over the rules on dropped kerbs where they are next to lay-bys.

PL/2023/05933 Corner Cottage, 10 Hudswell Lane - Proposed outbuilding.

Resolved: that, subject to the outbuilding not being used as living accommodation, no objection be raised.

PL/2023/05304 11 Cross Keys - Installation of un-tethered electric vehicle charge point on driveway.

Resolved: that the application be supported.

PL 26/23 Amended/Additional Plans

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

PL/2023/01903 7 Pickwick - Retrospective Home Office/Garden Building.

Resolved: that, subject to the use of the building being ancillary to the main dwelling and the materials (especially the roof tiles) being in keeping with the vicinity, no objection be raised.

PL 27/23 Decisions

(1) Approvals

CORSHAM GASTARD WARD

PL/2023/03712 21, Gastard Lane - Construction of stone summerhouse

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

PL/2023/04221 3 Academy Drive - Works to Protected Trees - T1 - Holm Oak - Reduce height and spread of crown by 1.5 - 2.5 metres and Crown Clean; T2 - Holm Oak - Reduce crown on South Side by 2.5 metres to balance crown. Crown Clean.

PL/2023/04222 3 Academy Drive - Works to Protected Trees - T1 & T2 Lime Trees - Re-pollard trees back to previous pollard points.

PL/2023/04223 3 Academy Drive - Works to a Protected Tree - T1 Pine tree - Reduce height by no more than 2.5 metres. Reduce branches on the southern side of the canopy adjacent to property by 1 - 1.5 metres. Crown Clean.

PL/2023/04416 Pickwick Cottage, 17 Pickwick - Proposed Works to a Tree in a Conservation Area - T1 Ash tree - Pollard down to a height of 12 ft.

PL/2023/04380 1 Field House - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Removal of saplings, small trees and vegetation along front boundary.

PL/2023/03406 4 Browns Drive - Garage change of use, single-storey rear extension and new window within rear wall.

PL/2023/04040 15 Partridge Close – Single-storey extension to front of dwelling.

(2) Refusals

There were none for this meeting.

(3) Withdrawn

There were none for this meeting.

PL 28/23 Corsham Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group Membership and Terms of Reference – Annual Review

The Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group and the Membership of the Group were considered. It was suggested that para 4.4 regarding membership be amended to make it clearer and easier for new members.

Resolved:

- i) That, subject to amendment of paragraph 4.4 to say ‘Any person who wishes to become a member of the Delivery and Monitoring Group shall apply to the Group with a brief summary of their skills and/or interest in the subject. Provided the Group supports the application, it will be forwarded to the Full Council for approval’, the terms of reference be approved.*
- ii) That Membership of the Group as per the list included in the agenda be confirmed.*

PL29/23 Draft Chippenham Neighbourhood Plan (2023 – 2038)

It was reported that Wiltshire Council was coordinating a public consultation on the draft Chippenham Neighbourhood Plan between 24 July 2023 and 5 September 2023.

The draft Chippenham Neighbourhood Plan (2023 – 2038) submission could be viewed and commented on from the Wiltshire Council consultation portal. Alternatively, people could comment by completing an editable representation form emailed to neighbourhoodplanning@wiltshire.gov.uk or posted to Wiltshire Council.

Potential implications for Corsham were discussed and included: cycle and road network, rail, access to schools, impact on watercourses, Corsham Neighbourhood Plan policies and the Corsham Batscape Strategy.

Resolved:

That a report be produced for the next Council (Planning) meeting highlighting possible positive and negative effects on Corsham arising from the Chippenham Neighbourhood Plan.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and closed at 8.13pm. There was one member of the public in attendance online.

CHAIRMAN

DATE

Councillors’ comments on planning applications are based on the information available to them at the time of the meeting.