

**Minutes of the Council (Planning) Meeting held on
Wednesday 25 October 2023**

Present Councillor A Brown (In The Chair)
Councillors S Abbott, N Brakspear, J Brook, T Ellis,
A Jones, J Robertson and A White.

In Attendance Mrs K Gilby (Finance and Planning Officer)
Mr D Martin (Chief Executive)

In Attendance Online T Bush, A Mackie, A Thomas and G Ward.

PL 53/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors H Belcher OBE, N Farmer,
R Hopkinson and G McCaffery.

PL 54/23 Public Question Time and Petitions

There were none.

PL 55/23 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

PL 56/23 Applications

CORSHAM GASTARD WARD

[PL/2023/08676](#) 27 Gastard Lane - Notification of proposed works to trees in a
Conservation Area - Norway Maple tree - reduce by 25%, Oak
tree - lift low branches by 1m, Mulberry tree - reduce by 25%,
Magnolia tree - reduce by 25%.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

[PL/2023/08789](#) The Stables, Park Farm, Westrop - Lean-to store extension to
dwelling.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

CORSHAM NESTON WARD

[PL/2023/08425](#) 32A Moor Green - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area - T1 (Ash) - Juvenile twin stemmed ash. Very close to historic wall, encroaching on power and com wires – Fell. T2 (Ash) - Semi-mature ash. Very close to historic wall, encroaching on power and com wires and adjacent building (Ebenezer Chapel). Early signs of ADB present – Fell. T3 (Ash) - Semi-mature ash. Adjacent to historic wall, obvious damage has already been caused to wall by close proximity - Fell.

Resolved: that no objection be raised. If possible, the Town Council would appreciate the trees being replaced in more suitable locations.

PL 57/23 Amended/Additional Plans

CORSHAM GASTARD WARD

[PL/2023/06664](#) Ashton House, Chapel Knapp - Rear summer room extension and render to external elevations (southeast, northeast and northwest elevations).

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

PL 58/23 Decisions

(1) Approvals

CORSHAM LADBROOK WARD

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

CORSHAM NESTON WARD

PL/2023/07675 Nethermore, Church Rise - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Fell Dead Elm. Acer, Oak - Lift all trees to give 3m clearance over path.

(2) Refusals

There were none for this meeting.

(3) Withdrawn

CORSHAM NESTON WARD

PL/2023/04386 18 Wadswick Lane - Works to a Listed Building - Sympathetic replacement of existing garage outbuilding which will allow for the construction of a small single-storey extension.

PL 59/23 Wiltshire Council Local Plan Review Consultation

The Local Plan Review Consultation was underway and the closing date for comments was 22 November 2023.

The Chief Executive and Finance and Planning Officer had reviewed the documents and had a number of comments and questions as part of a suggested draft response.

A number of queries and comments were discussed, and minor amendments suggested. *Amended version attached.*

Resolved:

- i) That, subject to amendment, the draft response be approved;*
- ii) the wording of the final response be delegated to the Chief Executive and Finance and Planning Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Town Council and Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Delivery and Monitoring Group, following input from that Group.*

PL 60/23 Polling Place and Polling Station Review – consultation

Wiltshire Council was carrying out its legal obligation of reviewing the polling districts, polling places and polling stations in the county, and people were encouraged to have their say.

A consultation was underway to get views on the current polling facilities and electoral arrangements in the county and these would be considered before final recommendations are put forward to the Electoral Review Committee.

Resolved: to respond to the consultation with the view that Potley Community Centre should be retained as a Polling Station to encourage those living nearby to vote.

PL 61/23 Proposed New Footway, Bradford Road

The Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) had agreed to proceed with a substantive bid to construct a new footway along the south side of Bradford Road, from the Park Place footpath to the light-controlled crossing.

The cost of the scheme had been estimated at £81,000. The LHFIG had agreed to put in £7,000 and the bulk of the funding would come from the central Highways pot (if the substantive bid succeeds). The Town Council was being asked to consider how much it wished to contribute towards the scheme. Based on the LHFIG contribution, the town/parish figure would be £2,334. However, substantive bids generally stand more chance of success when the town/parish puts in more funding.

Resolved: that a contribution of up to £7,000 be offered by the Town Council. The Town Council was disappointed that the pavement had not previously been provided as part of nearby developments and would ask if consideration could be given to the inclusion of a grass verge along the roadside in addition to the pavement to increase safety for pedestrians.

PL 62/23 20mph Speed Limits in Corsham Town Centre

In September 2023, Corsham Town Council undertook consultation with local residents on a proposed scheme to introduce 20mph limits in the town centre. The overall results of the consultation (those for and against) were presented to the Property and Amenities Committee on 27 September. Of the 337 respondents, approximately 70% were in favour of proceeding with the scheme and 30% were against.

The P&A Committee resolved to undertake some analysis of the additional comments at the end of the consultation before coming to a definitive position.

The analysis shows that the most common comment from those in favour was to expand the scheme. However, whilst there is broad support for introducing 20mph limits at the four locations proposed by the Town Council, there was not a consensus about any additional sites.

Resolved: that the Town Council inform the LHFIG that it wished to proceed with the 20mph scheme as laid out in the consultation, namely: Newlands Road (from its junction with Priory Street to Pickwick Road), Pickwick Road (from the War Memorial to The Tynings), Station Road (from its junction with Pickwick Road to Williams Grove) and Pound Pill (from the War Memorial to its junction with Stokes Road).

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and closed at 9.00pm. There were no members of the public in attendance.

CHAIR

DATE

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