

**Minutes of the Council (Planning) Meeting held on
Wednesday 30 October 2024**

Present Councillor A Brown (Chair)
Councillors S Abbott, H Belcher OBE, N Brakspear, T Ellis,
N Farmer, A Jones, G McCaffery, G Ward and A White.

In Attendance Mrs K Gilby (Finance and Planning Officer)

In Attendance online Councillors J Brook and R Hopkinson.

PL 59/24 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors R Munn, J Robertson, A Thomas and R Williams.

PL 60/24 Public Question Time and Petitions

There were none.

PL 61/24 Declarations of Interest

Councillor A Brown declared a non-pecuniary interest in application [PL/2024/08625](#) - Coppershell Farm, Coppershell - Lawful Development: Existing Use - Confirmation that the use of the agricultural land for animal rescue is lawful, as his wife is a volunteer. He left the room during the discussion and decision on the item. Councillor T Ellis chaired the meeting in his absence.

PL 62/24 Applications

CORSHAM GASTARD WARD

[PL/2024/08625](#) Coppershell Farm, Coppershell - Lawful Development: Existing Use - Confirmation that the use of the agricultural land for animal rescue is lawful.

Resolved: that no comments be made.

CORSHAM LADBROOK WARD

[PL/2024/09169](#) 54 Arnolds Mead - Single-storey rear and side extension to provide front porch, garage, utility, wc. Kitchen and rear porch extensions.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

[PL/2024/08823](#) Lithic Cottage, The Laggar - First-floor extension over garage.

Resolved: that, subject to the natural stone being used was in keeping with the vicinity, no objection be raised.

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

[PL/2024/09237](#) 8 Woodlands - Consent under Tree Preservation Orders - T1 - Oak tree – fell.

Resolved: to object to the removal of this important tree. This tree was retained and preserved when the housing permission for Woodlands was approved.

[PL/2024/09057](#) The Old Stables, Pockeredge Drive - Alterations and extensions to facilitate conversion of former stables/workshop to residential accommodation. Use of 'The Old Stables' as separate dwelling. Associated change of use of land to residential and retention of two domestic outbuildings thereon (part retrospective).

Resolved: to defer this item to the next Council (Planning) Meeting due to the plans not being available on Wiltshire Council's website.

[PL/2024/09271](#) Puddles Barn, 5A Halfway Firs, Bath Road - Erection of a double garage with first-floor loft space for office use including dormer window to front of first floor.

Resolved: that, subject to a condition that use of the garage be ancillary to the main dwelling, no objection be raised.

PL 63/24 Amended/Additional Plans

CHIPPENHAM PARISH

[20/02335/REM](#) Rowden Park, Patterdown Road, Chippenham (Redcliffe Phase 5) - Application (Following Outline Application 14/12118/OUT) for the Approval of Reserved Matters (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) for the Erection of 134 Dwellings (Phase 5), Public Open Space, Play Space and Associated Infrastructure and Landscaping.

Resolved: the Town Council had no comment on the application.

CORSHAM NESTON WARD

[PL/2024/05527](#) Land South of Westwells Road, Westwells Road - Redevelopment of site to deliver extension to existing Spring Park data centre campus consisting of (a) free standing data centre building (b) energy, power, and water infrastructure (c) site access and internal roads (d) site security arrangements (e) diverted Public Rights of Ways (f) hard and soft, green and blue landscaping and (g) other ancillary and auxiliary forms of development.

Resolved: that, whilst the Town Council had no objection to the proposal in principle, it did have concerns regarding the potential impact of noise on nearby properties including those at Wadswick Green; possible light pollution and its detrimental effect on the rare bat species in the area and the potential increase in flood risk to properties as a result of this proposal and in combination with other existing and proposed developments in the vicinity. The Town Council asks Wiltshire Council to ensure that these concerns have been addressed to the satisfaction of the relevant technical officers.

If Wiltshire Council is minded to approve the application, the Town Council asks that the applicant be encouraged to place a covenant on the land to the south to ensure it is not built on in the future and that there is public access to all of this area. The Town Council would also request a condition that lorry movements during the construction phase avoid the village of Neston and be limited to daytime weekdays only.

CORSHAM LADBROOK WARD

[PL/2024/02251](#) 11 Ludmead Road - Two-storey extension to replace existing garage and form additional ground floor and first floor accommodation and provision of new roof over existing flat roof bungalow to form two new bedrooms and partially over new flat roof extension to form master bedroom.

Resolved: to recommend refusal of the application on the grounds that the proposal would represent overdevelopment of the site; was out of keeping with the vicinity; loss of light and privacy to the neighbouring property and was contrary to Core Policy 57 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy and policy CNP HE1 of the Corsham Neighbourhood Plan.

PL 64/24 Decisions

(1) Approvals

CORSHAM GASTARD WARD

PL/2024/05319 Land and Buildings on the east side of the Thingley to Gastard Road, north of Thingley Cottage Farm - Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of a storage yard.

CORSHAM LADBROOK WARD

PL/2024/09153 Playground, Bences Lane - Horse Chestnut tree – fell.

PL/2024/05468 12 Arnolds Mead - Loft conversions to a bungalow with a pitched dormer and two Velux windows.

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

PL/2024/09397 Beechfield Park Grounds, Academy Drive – 2no. Holm Oak trees (Nos 58 and 59) - reduce one limb on each tree by 6m.

PL/2024/06415 19 Academy Drive - To replace original timber windows with like-for-like style UPVC windows.

(2) Refusals

There were none for this meeting.

(3) Withdrawn

There were none for this meeting.

**PL 65/24 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990: S.247
PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT CURTILAGE OF 12
CHESTNUT GRANGE, CORSHAM, WILTSHIRE, SN13 9XR
OS GRID REFERENCE: E: 385933, N: 170495**

Attached is a copy of a draft order proposed under the provisions of the above Act together with a copy of the related plan.

Any comments and/or objections must be received by 21 November 2024. Objections should be sent via e-mail to nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk, stating clearly that you object.

Resolved: to object to this proposal on the grounds that the Town Council believes there is a utility access point in the area proposed to be stopped up.

PL 66/24 Battery Safety Campaign

Peter Richardson, Parish Councillor (Melksham Without Parish Council) and CAWS (Community Action: Whitley and Shaw) Chair had contacted the Town Council to request that it write to the Minister and local MP in support of a proposed Bill regarding the safe storage, use and disposal of lithium-ion batteries.

Resolved: not to write to the MP at this time.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and closed at 8.10pm. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

CHAIR

DATE

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