

**Minutes of the Council (Planning) Meeting held at the Town Hall on
Wednesday 18 December 2019**

Present Councillor S Abbott (Chairman)
Councillors P Anstey, L Bray, C Fuller, M Jackson, S Moysey, G Sanders,
and A White.

In Attendance Mrs K Gilby (Planning and Events Officer)

PL 76/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors N Farmer, R Hopkinson, D Jarman,
D Jones, R Le Var and M Wakeman.

PL 77/19 Public Question Time and Petitions

Four members of the public spoke in relation to application 19/07824/WCM - Land to the North of the Rudloe Water Treatment works, Bath Road – Construction of a new inclined mine entrance from the surface into the existing permitted mine workings, and the construction of ancillary surface facilities including new cutting shed/workshop, block storage area, alterations to existing vehicular access and landscaping at land rear of Rudloe Firs, Bath Road, Corsham. (Re-consultation - additional information detailing the extent of the existing mine and ownership, and addressing responses received (including those relating to noise, drainage and highways).) Concerns raised included that there were inaccuracies in the submission; that the number of vehicle movements is still unclear; noise levels have still not been addressed; no survey of the land suffering from subsidence has been carried out; the core samples used were from the Bradford Road application; highway concerns regarding the location of the entrance onto a busy road by a blind bend especially when an earlier application on the other side of the road was refused on the grounds of highway safety; impact on the nearby listed building, residential properties and the AONB.

PL 78/19 Declarations of Interest

Councillor G Sanders declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 19/07824/WCM - Land to the North of the Rudloe Water Treatment works, Bath Road – Construction of a new inclined mine entrance from the surface into the existing permitted mine workings, and the construction of ancillary surface facilities including new cutting shed/workshop, block storage area, alterations to existing vehicular access and landscaping at land rear of Rudloe Firs, Bath Road, Corsham. (Re-consultation - additional information detailing the extent of the

existing mine and ownership, and addressing responses received (including those relating to noise, drainage and highways.) Councillor Sanders had been asked to comment on the application in a work capacity. She remained in the room during the discussion and decision on the item.

Councillor S Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 19/10583/FUL - 11 Mansion House Mews – Erect a garden shed in the back garden to size 1250mm x 1860mm and 2300mm high. Councillor Abbott is an acquaintance of the applicant. He remained in the room during the discussion and decision on the item.

PL 79/19 Applications

CHIPPENHAM PARISH

[19/11461/REM](#) Rowden Park – Crest Nicholson South West Phase 2, Patterdown Road, Chippenham – Application for the approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the erection of 52 dwellings, public open space, car parking and associated infrastructure, together with landscaping as part of Phase 2 of development at Rowden Park.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

CORSHAM GASTARD WARD

[19/11283/FUL](#) Moonraker Farmhouse – Rear extension to dwelling.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

[19/11529/TCA](#) Methuen Arms Hotel, High Street – 40% crown reduction to two Sycamore Trees (T1 and T2), fell one Sycamore Tree and one Eucalyptus Tree.

Resolved: that no objection be raised. The Town Council would like to encourage the applicant to replace the trees.

[19/11564/TCA](#) 80 High Street – Fell one Hazel Tree.

Resolved: that no objection be raised. The Town Council would like to encourage the applicant to replace the tree with a more suitable species.

[19/11468/TCA](#) 5 Academy Drive – Remove 10 small/medium branches from left-hand side of Sycamore (T1), remove eight small/medium branches from right-hand side of Sycamore (T2), remove first branch of lower limb at fork from Beech, and reduce 3rd, 4th and 5th limbs by up to 2 metres (T3), 2

metre reduction to Sycamore to provide clearance from neighbouring building (T4).

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

CORSHAM TOWN WARD

[19/10583/FUL](#) 11 Mansion House Mews – Erect a garden shed in the back garden to size 1250mm x 1860mm and 2300mm high.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

[19/11416/FUL](#) 2 Brakspear Drive – First floor extension to front of house.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

[19/10375/VAR](#) The Corsham School, The Tynings – Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) for application 17/09714/FUL) *Note: deferred from the previous meeting.*

Resolved: to support the application.

[19/10993/FUL](#)
[19/11435/LBC](#) 6 Pound Pill – Extension and internal alterations.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

[19/10949/FUL](#) 76 Pickwick Road – Proposed garden room at end of the garden. Demolish existing garage and shed. (Resubmission of 19/00888/FUL).

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

PL 80/19 Amended/Additional Plans

CORSHAM WEST WARD

[19/07824/WCM](#) Land to the North of the Rudloe Water Treatment works, Bath Road – Construction of a new inclined mine entrance from the surface into the existing permitted mine workings, and the construction of ancillary surface facilities including new cutting shed/workshop, block storage area, alterations to existing vehicular access and landscaping at land rear of Rudloe Firs, Bath Road, Corsham. (Re-consultation - additional information detailing the extent of the existing mine and ownership, and addressing responses received (including those relating to noise, drainage and highways).)

Resolved: to recommend refusal of the application on the grounds that there were serious concerns regarding highway impact and safety; that the proposal would have a detrimental impact on the amenity of the surrounding residential properties; that although the applicant has undertaken a bat ecological assessment there is no mention of the Corsham Batscape Strategy and so is contrary to Corsham Neighbourhood Plan policies ED1 and E1. The proposal is contrary to Corsham Neighbourhood Plan Policy E3, concerns over nearby ground subsidence, noise and vibration concerns, increased lighting and noise pollution, concern that the core samples may not have been taken at this site.

PL 81/19 Decisions

(1) Approvals

CORSHAM GASTARD WARD

19/09948/FUL 1A Lanes End – Proposed Oak-framed garage.

CORSHAM NESTON WARD

19/09323/FUL 7 Damy Green – Extension and alterations to existing garage and associated works.

19/10094/FUL 16 Moor Green – Proposed alteration to existing rear dormer window and additional roof windows to front and rear elevation.

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

19/10500/TCA 3 Academy Drive – 30% crown reduction to two Holm Oak Trees.

19/10597/TCA Corsham Court – Works to trees in a Conservation Area.

CORSHAM TOWN WARD

19/10018/TCA Corsham Cricket Club – Works to trees in a Conservation Area.

19/10354/OUT 1 South Street – New two-storey house to replace existing outbuilding in the garden.

19/10483/TCA Easton Court Farm, Lacock Road – 30% crown reduction to Walnut Tree (T1).

19/10738/TCA The Chapel, 15A Pound Pill – 20% crown thin and 20% crown reduction to Bay Tree.

(2) Refusals

There were none for this meeting.

(3) Withdrawn

There were none for this meeting.

(4) Void

There were none for this meeting.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and closed at 8.07pm. There were seven members of the public present at the start of the meeting and none at the end.

CHAIRMAN

DATE

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