

**Minutes of the Council (Planning) Meeting held on
Wednesday 4 June 2025**

Present Councillor A Brown (Chair)
Councillors H Belcher OBE, N Brakspear, J Brook, T Ellis,
R Munn, G Ward

In Attendance Mrs K Gilby (Head of Finance and Administration)
Mr D Martin (Chief Executive)
Mrs L Moor (Finance and Planning Officer)

In Attendance Online Councillor R Hopkinson

PL 09/25 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors S Abbott, B Keeler, G McCaffery and A White.

PL 10/25 Public Question Time and Petitions

There were none.

PL 11/25 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hopkinson declared a non-pecuniary interest in applications PL/2025/04105 and PL/2025/04276 - Barn at Overmoor Farm, Neston - Change Of Use of office premises to create new dwelling, as the applicant is a friend.

All Councillors present declared a non-pecuniary interest in applications PL/2025/04708, PL/2025/04715, PL/2025/04720, PL/2025/04710, PL/2025/04589, PL/2025/04590 and PL/2025/04712 - Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area, as the Town Council was the applicant. The items were not discussed and were noted.

CORSHAM LADBROOK WARD

PL/2025/04230 27 Martingate Centre - Consent to display an advertisement - New ATM Collar.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

PL/2025/04321 4 Williams Grove - Garage and shed conversion to provide a linked family annexe.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

PL/2025/04024 Methuen Arms Hotel, High Street - Conversion of barn
PL/2025/04215 outbuilding and adjoining outbuilding to create a function room and food preparation area for use by the pub and hotel - including repairs and refurbishment throughout, new WCs within existing mezzanine, and new internal door. Application of cedar cladding to the south-west end elevation of the modern timber garage, block and laying of gravel to the yard area to provide for staff parking.

Resolved: that, subject to the approval of Wiltshire Council's Conservation Officer regarding the cedar cladding as an appropriate material, no objection be raised.

PL/2025/04708 Centenary Garden, Beechfield Road - Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:
T01 - Tortuosa Willow tree - reduce height to 6m.
T02 - Japanese Cherry tree - prune canopy back to near edge of pavement and prune back from building.
G03 - 2 x Norway Maple trees - reduce crown spread to near edge of pavement and prune clear of streetlamp.

Resolved: that the application be noted.

PL/2025/04715 South Avenue Plantation, High Street - Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:
T01 - Lime tree - remove deadwood and weak live growth.
T04 - Oak tree - remove deadwood and weak live growth.
T05 - Horse Chestnut tree - shorten branches along path by 3m; shorten long-extended branch at 15m height by 6m; reduce and shape crown profile; lightly thin and remove deadwood and weak live growth.
T07 - Ash tree - remove deadwood and weak live growth.

T08 - Lime tree - prune back crown profile towards car park by 2m and shape crown; thin crown by 20%; remove deadwood and weak live growth and reduce end weight of heavily loaded branches.

Resolved: that the application be noted.

PL/2025/04720 St Bartholomew's Church, Church Street - Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:
T1 & T2 - Lime trees - Control epicormic growth about base and lower trunk of both trees. Remove any major dead wood and suspect live growth. Raise lower canopy clear of graves.
T4 - Judas tree - Shorten reach of crown by c.2m and lightly shape. Install prop to lend support to leaning stem.

Resolved: that the application be noted.

CORSHAM NESTON WARD

PL/2025/04105 Barn at Overmoor Farm, Neston - Change Of Use of office
PL/2025/04276 premises to create new dwelling.

These applications were withdrawn by Wiltshire Council, therefore they were not considered at this meeting.

PL/2025/04710 Neston Triangle, Church Rise - Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:
T1 - Oak tree - Remove heavy dead wood throughout crown. Lightly prune lower canopy to ensure adequate clearance for parked vehicles at roadside.
T2 - Lilac tree - Reduce leaning stem by c.2m. Thin trunk suckers.

Resolved: that the application be noted.

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

PL/2025/04589 Beechfield Nature Area - Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:
G16 - Sycamore tree - remove deadwood.
T12 - Sycamore tree - reduce and shape crown by 2m to previous pruning points.
T17 - Sycamore tree - remove broken branch.
T19 - Sallow tree - remove most of lower stem and reduce upper stem.

Resolved: that the application be noted.

PL/2025/04590 Beechfield Nature Area - Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:
G01 - 5 x Ash trees - remove major dead and weak growth over land and reduce crown on 3rd Ash of group.
G02 - Elm and Sycamore trees - fell.

G03 - Beech trees - maintain canopy clearance of land.
 G08 - Elm trees - fell.
 G10 - Hybrid Black Poplar trees - reduce height of both trees by 6m - 7m and shape crowns.
 G11 - Ash trees - remove deadwood.
 G22 - Laurel trees - remove.

Resolved: that the application be noted.

PL/2025/04712 Park Lane Corner, Park Lane - Proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area:
 T01 - Copper Beech tree - crown reduction to clear overhead cable.
 T02 - Norway Maple tree - crown reduction to clear overhead cable and building.
 T03 - Silver Birch tree - crown reduction to clear overhead cable and building.
 T05 - Robinia tree - cut back basal suckers.

Resolved: that the application be noted.

PL 13/25 Amended/Additional Plans

There were none for this meeting

PL 14/25 Decisions

(1) Approvals

CORSHAM GASTARD WARD

PL/2025/04586 7 Lanes End, Gastard - Willow tree - fell.

CORSHAM LADBROOK WARD

PL/2025/01806 Bath Spa University, Corsham Court - Replacement of
 PL/2025/02097 2no. existing self-supporting timber pitched and hipped single-glazed roof skylights and 1no. existing metal-framed, pitched, single-glazed roof skylight with 3no. new self-supporting, pitched and hipped, Heritage lead-covered steel patent glazing, bar skylights with double glazing, reusing existing apertures and upstands in the existing roof. Overcladding 1no. roof-mounted, timber-framed lift motor housing with Code 4 lead sheeting.

PL/2025/02643 12 Light Close - First-floor extension.

PL/2025/02853 22 Pound Pill - Demolition of two single-storey side extensions. New two-storey side extension and landscaping works including alterations to parking and highways access.

CORSHAM NESTON WARD

PL/2024/11628 Barn at Overmoor Farm - Change Of Use of office premises to create new dwelling.
PL/2025/00041

PL/2025/02457 Garden Cottage, Jaggards Lane - Removal of condition 3 of N/13/01169/FUL.

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

PL/2025/02740 Land near Pockeridge Lake - Ash trees - Fell.

(2) Refusals

There were none for this meeting.

(3) Withdrawn

There were none for this meeting.

PL 15/25 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Wishlist

The current CIL Wishlist and a draft updated version were considered.

Resolved: To move the following projects from Priority 2 to Priority 1 on the CIL Wishlist:

- (i) *Modernise the development at the southern end of Newlands Road to improve the appearance of the Royal British Legion and Corsham Club buildings.*
- (ii) *Coach Parking.*

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and closed at 7.33pm. There was one member 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.