



# Ottery St Mary Town Council

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF OTTERY ST MARY TOWN COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021** at **19.00**. The meeting was at The Station Community Hub. (the venue was changed in line with updated Government guidelines)

**PRESENT:-** Councillor Copus (**Chair**), Councillor Johns (**Mayor**), Grainger ( **Deputy Chair**) and Green, and Jane Bushby Administrator

**OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:-** Four members of the public.  
EDDC Councillors Geoff Pratt and Peter Faithfull (also a Town Councillor) (acting in their capacity as members of the public as they are not Members of the Planning Cttee)

P/21/12/01

## **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Councillors Stewart, Shaw and Giles.

P/21/12/02

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR NEW DPI DISPENSATIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

P/21/12/03

## **IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 (PUBLICITY WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY REASON OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED): TO AGREE ANY ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE PUBLIC AND PRESS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED**

There were none.

P/21/12/04

## **REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE**

A) A short discussion regarding the dates for Planning meetings was held. At the Full Council meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021 it was recommended to rescind the motion P/21/08/04. Planning meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month where appropriate, subject to applications received.

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B) Ben Wood, Savills planning consultant working on behalf of the Trustees of the Ottery Feoffee Charity spoke regarding the Community Centre in Brook Street together with Di Passey, one of the trustees.

Ben gave an update on how they would like to tackle the various planning issues, ultimately working towards the resubmission of a planning application.

The main reason behind the application being refused is that the property is a Community Facility of Value within the Neighbourhood Plan 2017-2031.

Ben and Di explained that the Centre has little use as a community venue and that the property is no longer fit for purpose.

If an application is resubmitted the Trustees would look to ensure that the property is of value to the community by providing homes for persons in need. They are considering reducing the number of homes from six to four and looking to see if a meeting room could be incorporated. They also explained that they would seek to obtain the opinions of the neighbours before resubmitting the application and would make these available.

Ottery Town Council discussed the following;

- The Town Council wanted to confirm that the Neighbourhood Plan is not ignored or diluted. The Centre needs to remain a Community Facility of Value. However, the centre is not greatly used and there are now a number of venues in Ottery St Mary which provide facilities for Community Events.
- It would need to be demonstrated that the Almshouses would be a Community Facility of Value . The Town Council would seriously look at considering this to be the case.
- Ottery Town Council asked for clarification on who would be eligible for the new homes. To be eligible the applicant would need to be a person of need and either an inhabitant of Ottery St Mary or have a direct association with Ottery St Mary. Rents are subsidised.

P/21/12/05

### **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

The minutes of the Planning Meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were confirmed and agreed to be signed by the Planning Chair as a correct record.

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P/21/12/06

**PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED**

<b>21/1454/FUL Riverside Cottage, Taleford, OSM, EX11 1NF</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>
<b>21/2638/CPL 18 New Steet, OSM, EX11 1DZ LAWFUL USE</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF</b>
<b>21/2639/CPL 19 New Street, OSM, EX11 1EA</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE</b>
<b>21/2215/FUL Whitehill, Alfington, OSM,EX11 1NX</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>
<b>21/2755/FUL Windyridge, Church Lane, Alfington,OSM,EX11 1PE</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>
<b>21/2468/LBC Orchard Lea, Wiggaton, OSM, EX11 1PU</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>
<b>21/2385/FUL 10 St Marys Park, OSM, EX11 1JA</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>
<b>21/2520/FUL Bishops Court Farmhouse, Fluxton, OSM, EX11 1RJ</b>	<b>GRANTED</b>

P/21/12/07

**TO CONSIDER AND DETERMINE OBSERVATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

<b><u>Reference</u></b>	<b><u>Applicant</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
<b>21/2978/FUL</b>	<b>Mr B Smith</b>	<b>Change of use of land for firewood aging/timber storage and erection of 60ft x 30ft shed to serve the business. Former Woods Farm Recycling Centre , Bowd, Sidmouth, EX10 0JS</b>

Before the commencement of Application 21/2978/FUL the Chair invited the applicant to speak on the application.

The applicant explained that the land he had purchased also came with the Car Park on the north side (nearest Ottery St Mary). The car park is used by walkers to access the public footpath into the woods. He is keen to continue to provide access for parking and will maintain the car park. However, he explained that the car park had not been well maintained and had been subject to fly tipping and persons staying overnight.

The timber that the applicant will be drying is sourced locally and that by using this site it will further cut down on the miles travelled by this business.

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**Town Council Comments:**

The Town Council supports this application subject to the car park being retained for public access to the woods.

**21/2593/FUL**

**Mr G Hudson**

Two storey side extension including demolition of existing extension.

**Bridge House, Mill Street, OSM, EX11 1AH**

**Town Council Comments:**

The Town Council supports this application based on the recommendations made by the Environmental Officer.

**21/2812/FUL**

**Mr K Hollywood**

Two storey side extension and single storey side extension.

**5 Thorne Cottages, Exeter Road, OSM, EX11 1RB**

**Town Council Comments:**

The Town Council supports this application subject to vehicle access not causing disruption on Cadhay Lane and sight of the Proposed elevations.

**21/3118/VAR**

**Claire Curtin**

**Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of**

Application 20/0766/FUL (construction of single storey side, rear and front extensions (revision to 19/1627/FUL); demolition of an existing outbuilding and construction of new single storey building to provide a therapy/store room (resubmission of expired application 16/0400/FUL)

**Khadine, Slade Road, OSM, EX11 1JE**

**Town Council Comments:**

The Town Council supports this application.

P/21/12/08

**TO RECEIVE COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS RELATING TO PLANNING MATTERS**

None.

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P/21/12/09

**NEXT MEETING** – TBC subject to planning applications being received.

**The meeting ended at 20.01**

<i><b>SIGNATURE OF CHAIRMAN</b></i>	
<i><b>DATE OF SIGNATURE</b></i>	
<i><b>DATE/VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</b></i>	<b>TBC</b>

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