

## **FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 7.30 pm. in the Town Hall**

#### **Present:**

Cllr Fulford - Chairman

Cllrs Hale, Lewendon, Perkins, Price, Adams & (A) Wilson

#### **In attendance:**

Miss D Vine, Asst Town Clerk

Mr G Kimmings, Fordingbridge Society.

2 members of the public

#### **1. Apologies**

There were apologies from Cllrs (G) Wilson and Connolly

#### **2. To receive any Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 and report on any matters arising**

It was proposed by Cllr Lewendon and seconded by Cllr (A) Wilson that the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 be signed as a true record. All in favour, Carried.

There were no matters arising.

#### **4. To receive any matters raised by Members of the Public**

No matters were raised.

*Cllr Perkins entered the meeting*

#### **5. To report any results on Planning Applications**

##### **13/10188 67 Whitsbury Road, SP6 1LB**

Single storey rear extension

GRANTED subject to conditions

**Mr & Mrs Blandford**

##### **12/99554 11 Pealsham Gardens SP6 1RD**

Single storey rear extension

GRANTED subject to conditions

**Mr & Mrs Skinner**

#### **Tree Works**

##### **TPO/13/0103 101 Whitsbury Road, SP6 1LB**

T1 – Cedar – Fell

T2 – Cypress Fir – reduce branches by up to 1m

GRANTED

##### **TPO/13/0162 5-11 Forest Court, Salisbury Road SP6 1EG**

T1 & T2 – Sycamore – Fell

EXEMPT WORKS

NPA Enforcement Control

**EN/01/0486 Avonside Farm, Southampton Road SP6 2JT**

u/a mobile home and vehicle storage

u/a conservatory and ancillary building works to u/a mobile home (formerly 05/0560)  
INJUNCTION sought

**6. To consider new Planning Applications**

**13/10210 Barclays Bank, 16 Salisbury Street**

**Barclays Bank PLC**

Display illuminated fascia sign and projecting sign; non illuminated wall mounted sign and ATM surround (Application for Advertising Consent)

Cllr Hale reported.

The application site is a commercial premises within Fordingbridge Town Centre and the Fordingbridge Conservation Area. The property forms part of end of a terrace of traditional buildings which are sited adjacent to the grade II listed building 18-20 Salisbury Street. A recent advertisement consent application was submitted and refused under reference 98830. That application proposed to display 1 internally illuminated fascia sign and 1 internally illuminated projecting sign. The proposed fascia board was an aluminium board with raised, internally illuminated, acrylic lettering and the circular projecting sign was a combination of steel, aluminium and acrylic, with a diameter of 770mm. That application was refused on the grounds that the proposed materials and raised lettering of the fascia signs were considered to be inappropriate and would detract from the character and appearance of the building, conservation area and the setting of the adjacent listed building.

In addition, the proposed projecting sign was considered to be of an excessive size and inappropriate design, which would appear as an incongruous and prominent feature within the street scene detracting from the character and appearance of the building, the conservation area and the setting of the adjacent listed building. Moreover, the proposed illumination to these two signs is also considered to be unacceptable. This current application seeks to address the concerns previously raised.

The name plate would be sited on the front elevation of the building measuring 600mm by 300mm and would be constructed from aluminium. The proposed ATM sign would be sited to the front elevation of the building and would measure 736mm by 987mm replacing the existing ATM surround and would be constructed from acrylic. In comparison to that previously refused the illuminated fascia sign board and the lettering has been slightly reduced in size, however, the materials used remains the same, which would be an aluminium board with raised internally illuminated acrylic lettering. In terms of the projecting sign, this has been reduced in size compared to that previously refused, however, the materials remain the same. The comments from the Conservation Officer have been sought but it does not appear that the previous reason for refusal have been addressed.

Members agreed that they could not see any significant change to the original proposals.

The Fordingbridge Society had no objection to the fascia, but objected to the other proposals.

It was proposed by Cllr Hale that the application be refused under Option 2 but this was not seconded. A counter proposal was made by Cllr Lewendon and seconded

by Cllr Adams that the application be refused under Option 4 as there had been no significant change to the application and illumination would be unacceptable in a conservation area. All in favour, Carried.

**13/10243 Tinkers Cross Farm, Whitsbury Road**  
Removal of storage container

**Mr Anderton**

Cllr Fulford reported.

Cllr Fulford asked that this application should be taken in conjunction with **13/10295** as there were matters relevant to both applications.

The site lies within the countryside outside the New Forest close to the town of Fordingbridge. It comprises a relatively recently established small holding with associated pig shelters, chicken sheds, feed store and pens.

The Applicant commenced his agricultural business with a site comprising 5.25 hectares. He has since acquired additional land which means that his total enterprise is now up to approximately 10 hectares and they are in negotiation to acquire a further 8 hectares but before going further with the land acquisition he needs to secure what they have on site.

Cllr Fulford asked members to note that the storage container was being removed and being replaced with a barn to be erected on the southern edge of the curtilage. The dimensions of the proposed barn are 18 x 9m<sup>2</sup>, 5m high and open at one end. The total area covered is 167m<sup>2</sup>. It will be erected opposite the feed store. The southern sector of the holding is screened from Whitsbury Road by tall boundary vegetation and substantial trees along the southeast and southwest boundaries form a dense sylvan backdrop; the land falls away towards the southwest so a new barn in this position and clad in dark-green profiled sheet, would not be detrimental to the local landscape. It is proposed that the container be removed from its present position upon completion of the proposed barn. The Design & Access statement gives an assurance that to respect the neighbours amenity strict times of work would be laid down during construction.

It was noted that there had been some objections to the size of the barn.

Cllr Price queried drainage conditions. A drainage assessment had been carried out and a section of ditch would be re-aligned.

The Fordingbridge Society support this application.

It was proposed by Cllr Fulford and seconded by Cllr Perkins that this application be supported under Option 3 as the applicant has and continues to demonstrate that he is building a viable business and complies with Core Strategy and Local Plan principles. A counter proposal was made by Cllr Lewendon that the application be supported under Option 1 as there was still some outstanding information but there was no seconder. Members therefore voted to support the application under Option 3 the original proposal. All in favour, carried.

**13/10295 Tinkers Cross, Whitsbury Road**

**Miss Snart**

Continued stationing of a mobile home for an agricultural worker for a temporary period of three years.

Cllr Fulford reported.

Permission was previously refused for the mobile home and an enforcement notice served to enable its removal. An appeal was submitted against the notice subject to extending the compliance to 12 months. This ends in April 2013. The new application reflects the increase in size of the business which has occurred and changes to legislation under the National Planning framework. Since the last application the applicant has increased the amount of land held and established core livestock which she would wish to breed from as the business develops. The applicant has also established links in the local community through an educational programme with schools, providing farm produce and establishing web based sales. There is support for agricultural workers' dwellings laid down in the New Forest Core Strategy and the applicant has demonstrated a commitment to the business and if it is to continue to grow needs to be on site.

It was noted that there had been one objection.

Cllr (A) Wilson asked if egg sales would take place inside the gate due to the danger of obstructing the road. The applicant advised that she believed there was sufficient room for buyers to safely pull off the road as the gateway was set back.

The Fordingbridge Society strongly support this application.

It was proposed by Cllr Fulford and seconded by Cllr Perkins that the application be supported under Option 3. on the basis that the applicant has, and continues to demonstrate he is building a viable and sustainable business. No suitable accomodation nearby therefore required to support the business. All in favour, Carried.

*Mr Anderton & Miss Snart left the meeting*

**13/10278 Land rear of Burgate Farm, Salisbury Road      Mr Bart Van Hennick**  
Agricultural barn (Agricultural Prior Notification Application)

Cllr Fulford reported

The application is for the erection of a barn to be used for agricultural storage of feed and farm machinery and also to house livestock grazed on the Forest. The size of the barn is L36xW12.20m. It was noted that due to the nature of the application New Forest District Council did not appear to be giving an opportunity to comment at this stage. Members noted, however that the proposed siting of the barn appeared to conflict with proposals for a cycleway and requested that this be reported to NFDC.

**13/10322 Lloyds Bank, 1 Bridge Street      Lloyds Banking Group**  
Display 2 internally illuminated letter signs; 2 internally illuminated projecting signs; externally illuminated window light strip; non illuminated name plate; 2 non illuminated vinyl panels; non illuminated letter box sign; window vinyl (Application for Advertisement Consent)

Cllr Hale reported.

The building is situated on the corner of Salisbury Street and Bridge Street on a busy road junction. The main concern, from documents provided was an increase in the number of signs and illumination. At present there is one projecting sign over the main door and the new proposal shows two projecting signs on each corner of the building which would also be illuminated. It is also proposed to replace the existing

name signs on the side and front of the building and for these to be illuminated, as well as light strips in the windows.

The Fordingbridge Society does not support this application.

It was proposed by Cllr Hale and seconded by Cllr Lewendon that the proposal be refused under Option 4 due to the amount of proposed signwork/advertising on one building and the illumination in a conservation area. All in favour, Carried.

**13/10191 New Forest Water Park, Ringwood Road**  
Clubhouse

**Mr Jury**

Cllr Lewendon reported  
Members had looked at proposals for a clubhouse in principle some 12-18 months ago and agreed that it would enhance the facility. There had been one variation to the previous proposal and that was to add some decking which would protrude over the water. The design of the property is in keeping with the venue.

The Fordingbridge Society had no objections.

It was proposed by Cllr Lewendon and seconded by Cllr Perkins that the application be supported under Option 3 as the building had been thoughtfully planned building and was in keeping with the venue. All in favour, Carried.

#### Current Planning Appeals

**12/99371 Middle Burgate House, Salisbury Road**  
Two storey side extension; single storey front extension

Noted by Members

#### Tree Works

**TPO/13/0200 171a Station Road**  
T1 Douglas Fir- fell.

**Mr C Golden**

No objection

**CONS/13/0188 6 Riverside Place SP6 1RR**  
1 Tree – unknown species – reduce height by approx. 3m and thin crown

**Mrs Laden**

No objection

**CONS/13/0190 Mill Court, off Shaftesbury St SP6 1JQ**  
3 x weeping willow – pollard & crown lift to 3m

**Mr Musselwhite**

No objection

### **7. To consider any Licencing Act 2003 applications**

**LICPR/05/00476 Fordingbridge Service Station SP6 1AP**  
Minor Variation Premises Licence (S41A)

To amend the hours of the sale of alcohol from 08.00hrs to 23.00hrs Monday to Saturday, 10.00hrs to 22.30hrs on Sunday TO 07.00hrs to 22.00hrs Monday to Saturday, 08.30hrs to 21.00hrs on Sunday.

**LICPR/05/00628 The Fig Tree, 1-2 Roman Quay, High St SP6 1RL**

Variation Premises Licence (s34)

To include recorded music (indoors) Monday to Sunday 09.00hrs to 22.00hrs, Christmas Eve, 09.00hrs to 24.00hrs, New Year's Eve, 09.00hrs to 01.00hrs. Supply of alcohol (on the premises) Monday to Sunday 09.00hrs to 21.30hrs, Christmas Eve, 09.00hrs to 24.00hrs, New Year's Eve 09.00hrs to 01.00hrs. Hours the premises are open to the public, 08.30hrs to 22.00hrs Monday to Sunday, Christmas Eve 09.00hrs to 24hrs, New Year's Eve 09.00hrs to 02.00hrs

Cllr Price commented that he believed there were restrictions/clauses in the lease concerning opening times due to the flats above.

**TEN 4426/LICTE/13/01986 –PS**

Louise Minette Jordan-Dench

The Town Hall 12.05.13 – 17.30-23.00hrs

Concert – sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment – 200 people

**TEN 4433/LICTE/13/02021 –PS**

Caroline Maggs

Fordingbridge Recreation Ground, Ringwood Road – 20.07.13 – 10.00-18.00hrs

Fordingbridge Summer Festival – Sale of alcohol – 50 people

**8. To note any items of correspondence**

Tim and Louise Jordan Dench from Forest Live have written to the Council to proposing that they apply for a premises Licence for the Town Hall which is regularly used by them. This would reduce their costs and negate the need to apply to a Temporary Events Notice each time. They had outlined a number of benefits to the Council and themselves by doing this. The Town Hall has a Premises Licence but not for the sale of alcohol which requires a Designated Premises Supervisor. In principle members agreed that this would be beneficial and agreed to discuss the proposal further at the Finance & Policy Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

**9. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant Planning business**

Members had received letters inviting them to preview a public exhibition for residential proposals at land off Whitsbury Road, Fordingbridge on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

**10. To note the date of the next meeting as 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

The meeting ended at 09.00pm