BRADLEY STOKE TOWN COUNCIL

**Planning & Environment Committee**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee of Bradley Stoke Town Council held at the Jubilee Centre, Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke on 24 January 2024 at 8.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: John Bradbury

James Nelson

Ben Randles (Chair)

Kulwinder Singh Sappal

Jon Williams

Officers: Sharon Petela (Town Clerk)

Phil Francis (Deputy Town Clerk/Activity Centres Manager)

**1** **Submissions from the Public**

1.1 A local resident highlighted that there has been an extensive area of trees felled on the Three Brooks Nature Reserve with the work being carried out by the South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) Tree Team. This is linked to the ash dieback works, but it would appear that the SGC department responsible for the Nature Reserve were unaware of the works taking place. The Chair commented that he has been in conversation with the SGC Tree team regarding ash dieback works in other areas and outlined the rationale behind the extent of works. Councillor John Bradbury commented that SGC have pledged to double the tree canopy in South Gloucestershire by 2030. Discussion took place on whether this area of the Nature Reserve would be suitable for planting of a community orchard and the resident said they would speak to SGC regarding this.

1.2 A local resident highlighted the recent pollution incident in Stoke Brook and the number of pollution incidents in the brook over the past 12 months. The Environment Agency (EA) are aware of the most recent diesel spill and have installed a boom downstream. One sewage pollution incident last year was apparently going to be a court case, but no information has been forthcoming regarding the progress of the case. The Chair commented that the EA are responsible for rivers and waterways and as such they do not fall within the remit of SGC. The resident was asked to forward relevant information regarding last year’s sewage pollution incident to the Town Clerk and, once information received, councillors asked the Town Clerk to write to the local MP, Jack Lopresti to ask if he can chase the relevant government body for an update on the case.

**2 Apologies for absence**

None

**3 Declarations by Members**

Although already declared in the 'Declarations of Interest' table in the circulated agenda, for avoidance of doubt, Councillors John Bradbury and Ben Randles declared that they are on the SGC Regulatory Committee and Licensing sub-committee, considering specific licences were on the agenda for discussion.

**4 Announcements by the Chair**

The Chair commented that he contacted the Environment Agency regarding the diesel spill in Stoke Brook, but he has not yet received a response.

**5 To Confirm the Minutes of meeting of 20th December 2023**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th December 2023 were proposed for acceptance by Councillor Kulwinder Singh Sappal, seconded by Councillor Jon Williams, carried unanimously. The minutes were then signed by the Chair as a correct record.

*As there was a member of public present at the meeting, Councillor Jon Williams proposed that agenda item 7.1 be discussed next on the agenda, seconded by Councillor Ben Randles, carried unanimously.*

**7.1 Update on Bradley Stoke Local Nature Action Plan – new projects**

**7.1.1 Community Orchards in Bradley Stoke**

This in an ongoing project. So far, areas identified by local community groups have been deemed not suitable by SGC. The representative from Three Brooks Nature Conservation Group/Green Gym/Bradley Stoke in Bloom was asked to speak to the two SGC Bradley Stoke North ward councillors to see if they can assist in this matter.

**7.1.2 Free tree/hedge giveaway and wildflower seeds event**

Saturday 27th January 2024 10.00am - 12 noon in the Oak Hall, Jubilee Centre. Bradley Stoke in Bloom, Green Gym and Bradley Stoke Zero Carbon Community Group will be involved as well as the SGC Biodiversity officer. Trees, shrubs and wildflower seeds have been delivered and tree information posters are ready for the event. Councillor Ben Randles commented how well the event was run last year and credited BSTC Officers and community groups.

**6 Consideration of Current Planning Applications**

**6.1 P23/03496/HH Erection of front porch and single storey rear extension to**

**form additional living accommodation**

4 The Culvert

No objection proposed by Councillor Kulwinder Singh Sappal, seconded by Councillor Jon Williams. A vote was taken, 4 in favour, 1 against, proposal carried.

**6.2 P23/03523/HH Erection of a single storey rear extension to form**

**additional living accommodation. Installation of flue to side extension.**

52 Champs Sur Marne

No objection proposed by Councillor Kulwinder Singh Sappal, no seconder, therefore proposal failed.

Following further discussion, Councillor James Nelson proposed a ‘no comment’ response to the application, seconded by Councillor John Bradbury. A vote was taken, 3 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention, proposal carried.

**6.3 P24/00119/HH Erection of a single storey front and rear and two storey**

**rear extensions to form additional living accommodation (retrospective). (resubmission of P23/02819/HH).**

196 Ellicks Close

Councillor John Bradbury proposed OBJECTION on grounds that the proposals are overdevelopment of the site, seconded by Councillor James Nelson. A vote was taken, 3 in favour, 2 abstentions, proposal carried.

**6.4 P24/00149/CLP Conversion of existing garage into additional living**

**accommodation**

31 Hawkins Crescent

No objection proposed by Councillor Jon Williams, seconded by Councillor Kulwinder Singh Sappal, carried unanimously.

**7 To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting on 20th December 2023 not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

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**8 Previous Planning Applications**

Decisions relating to five previous applications were NOTED (see Appendix A), all of which agreed with Bradley Stoke Town Council’s (BSTC) recommendations.

Planning Appeal submitted to Planning Inspectorate: P23/02076/HH – 14 Kites Close.

**9 Matters within the scope of the Committee**

**9.1 SGC – Renewal of Street Trading Consent – LI24/0498/STS – Star Kebab & Burger, Great Park Road**

Documentation circulated to councillors.

Following discussion, Councillor Jon Williams proposed that the Town Council has no objection to the renewal of this street trading consent, seconded by Councillor Kulwinder Singh Sappal. A vote was taken, 3 in favour, 2 abstentions, proposal carried.

**9.2 SGC – Renewal of Street Trading Consent – LI24/0660/STS – Yoda Food Van, 200 Woodlands Court, Ash Ridge Road**

Documentation circulated to councillors.

Following discussion, Councillor James Nelson proposed that the Town Council has no objection to the renewal of this street trading consent, seconded by Councillor Kulwinder Singh Sappal. A vote was taken, 3 in favour, 2 abstentions, proposal carried.

**10 To deal with any matters relating to Health and Safety**

None

**11 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 7.30pm (or as soon as Finance Committee meeting has finished)

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

**APPENDIX A**

**Planning Decisions Made by South Gloucestershire Council**

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| **Application Number** | | | **Description** | **Address** | **BSTC** | **SGC** |
| P23 | 03292 | ADV | display of 1 externally illuminated fascia sign and 1 non-illuminated fascia sign. An aluminium sign and window vinyl graphics | Unit 3, Eagles Wood Business Park, Woodlands Lane | YES | YES |
| P23 | 03351 | HH | erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation | 21 Crofters Walk | YES | YES |
| P23 | 03346 | HH | erection of single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation | 26 The Coppice | YES | YES |
| P23 | 03363 | HH | erection of single storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation | 75 Huckley Way | YES | YES |
| P23 | 03335 | HH | erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation | 132 Cooks Close | YES | YES |