
**REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
ON TUESDAY 7th MARCH 2017
MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE**

Chairman: *Cllr Raj Khuroya
Councillors: Cllr Rodney Kipps
*Cllr Geoffrey Liley
Cllr Alison Preedy
*Cllr David Raw
*Cllr Steve Watkins (ex officio)
*Cllr Jane White (ex officio)
*Cllr Jackie Worrall

*Denotes members present

Officers Attending: * Michelle Putman - Admin Officer

There was one member of the public present.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee were advised that the Parish Officer's went out with Three Rivers Transport and Policy Officer to look at the locations of where the signs will be placed. We are just waiting for Confirmation of the sites and installation dates are awaited from TRDC.

1. The gateway signs - the order has now been placed with Three Rivers District Council and we are awaiting installation of the signs. The Planning Committee had a budget of £5,500 and the current quote from TRDC for the signs and installation is approximately £3070. Cllr Steve Watkins would like to propose that the remaining monies are put back into reserves to help the Council.

The Committee

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

The monies left over from the gateway signs are put back into reserves.

This was proposed by Cllr Watkins, seconded by Cllr Raj Khuroya. With 5 in favour and 1 abstention.

MINUTES

16/ 159 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Rodney Kipps, Cllr Alison Preedy

16/160 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received:

16/161 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Committee

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the 7th February, 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

16/162 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Steve Watkins attended the Development Control meeting on Thursday 23rd February 2017. Homefield Road has been deferred for a site visit by District Councillors

19 Lynwood Heights - this application was approved.

Cllr Raj Khuroya thanked Cllr Steve Watkins for attending the Development Control Meeting.

Cllr Geoffrey Liley appreciated the new breakdown of parking costs and noted the reductions that are currently being made, although TRDC still have to make a saving of £90,000.

16/163 LETTERS OF OBJECTION/EXPLANATION

There were three letters of objection received

17/0142/FUL - Herons, 52 Heronsgate Road.

16/164 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee

RESOLVED

That the attached comments be submitted to TRDC (Appendix 1).

16/165 PLANNING APPEALS

There was one planning appeal this month, which was noted.

16/166 APPLICATIONS FOR WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT ON TREES

The Committee

RESOLVED

To note the tree applications.

16/167 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECISIONS RECEIVED

The Committee

RESOLVED

To note the planning decisions received for the period ending 28th February, 2017.

16/168 URGENT ITEMS

None to report

16/169 COMMUNITY PLAN & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Steve Watkins advised that he and Vivien Lantree will be attending a 1 day seminar on Neighbourhood Plans at HAPTC.

Cllr Jane White advised the Committee that Croxley Green Parish Council had recently sent off their Neighbourhood Plan for consultation. Several points needed to be re looked at before the plan could be re-submitted. Assistance is now being given from TRDC.

16/170 LICENCE APPLICATION

None to report

16/171 TRANSPORT

Cllr Jane White advised the Committee of the Parish’s concerns regarding the closing of the Bus depot in Garston which will be moving to Hemel Hempstead. Although the bus routes will still run through Watford there is concern for residents wishing to gain access to Watford General Hospital.
This will be monitored.

The Committee has concerns with Berry Lane for pedestrian use. Cllr would like to suggest the creation of a pavement on one side of Berry Lane extending from the junction of Highfield Way under the railway bridge to the junction of Valley Road. The Committee feel that this would bring much benefit to the increasing number of pedestrians seen using this stretch of road, who are forced to either walk on the muddy woodland verges or risk their lives walking on the road. Both sides of the road are flanked by Pheasants Wood one side and Solomon’s Wood on the other side which are both owned by District Council.
The Committee requested that a letter is sent to District Cllr Chris Hayward regarding the Committee’s concerns.

16/172 REPORTING OBJECTIONS TO TRDC.

The planning policies are being worked on by the Officer of Chorleywood Parish Council and an Officer from Three Rivers District Council. Once completed they will be forwarded to all Parish Councillors.

The Committee
RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

The Committee would like to request that Development Management Policies and the Core Strategy Policies are placed on the Four Year vision as the policies are likely to change again within 18 months.

This was proposed by Cllr Raj Khiroya, seconded by Cllr Jane White and unanimously agreed.

16/173 FOUR YEAR VISION

15/145 - Gateway Signs - see Recommendation

The Committee were advised that the Parish Officer’s went out with Three Rivers Transport and Policy Officer to look at the locations of where the signs will be placed. Confirmation of the sites and installation dates are awaited from TRDC.

15/174 ATTENDANCE AT TRDC DEVELOPMENT MEETING

Cllr Steve Watkins will attend the Development Control Meeting on Thursday 23rd March 2017, at Three Rivers District Council.

16/175 CLOSURE - The meeting having started at 7.30pm and finished at 9.06pm

Signed Date

These minutes were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Signed Date