



DRAFT Minutes of the Urchfont Parish Council (UPC) Virtual Planning Meeting held remotely on Wednesday 13th May 2020.

Present: Councillors: Day (GD – Chairman), Botham (MB), Hill (TH), Cottell (PC), Kemp (MK), Hollyman (MH), Cottle (SC), Kinnaird (LK), Cowen (LC) and Creasey (GC)

Clerk to the Council: Lunn (BL)

Councillor for Urchfont & The Cannings: Whitehead (PW)

Members of the Public (for all or part of the remote meeting): Mr M Smith

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr Stevens (DS)
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** LC – non-pecuniary interest in Item 5d
- 3. Minutes of a meeting held on 8th April 2020**

Proposal	Proposer	Seconder	Resolution
To approve the minutes unchanged as a true and accurate record of the meeting	GD	MK	AGREED unanimously

4. Matters arising from Minutes of 8th April 2020 – TH stated that according to the WC Planning Portal the decision date for Sandalwood (application 20/01635/20 considered and subject to a UPC Object decision at the April meeting) has been put back to 22nd June 2020 and, therefore, would anticipate amended plans being presented to UPC at the next meeting (June).

5. Plans for discussion

5a. 20/03393/TCA – to Fell 2 Lawson Cypress at Church Farm House, Urchfont, SN10 4QR for Mr Pendry

Site Visit: 11th May 2020 by two councillors

Letters of Representation: None received or on WC website

TH reiterated the proposal which refers to two large Cypress trees at the front of the property which overhang the highway and are encroaching on overhead power lines. These trees are regularly brushed by high sided vehicles, in the case of straw carrying vehicles remnants of their load is often deposited in the road which causes blocked drains. MH asked whether the trees were subject to a protection order, TH responded no. GD was of the view that felling these trees will stop problems with the highway / drains. TH indicated that the applicant is considering re-planting tree(s) in his garden, but not necessarily in the same place.

Proposal	Proposer	Seconder	Resolution
NO OBJECTION	TH	MB	AGREED unanimously

5b. 20/03606/TCA – Pollard Ash at Manor Cottage, Urchfont, SN10 4RB for Mr Prichard

Site Visit: 11th May 2020 by two councillors

Letters of Representation: None received or on WC website

TH explained that this is a very large tree encroaching on neighbouring properties. Having been 30% pollarded in the past, causing vigorous re-growth, the application on this occasion proposes 40% pollarding.

Proposal	Proposer	Seconder	Resolution
NO OBJECTION	TH	SC	AGREED unanimously

5c. 20/03068/TCA – Fell Cedar and replant with a more suitable species at Oakfrith Cottage, Urchfont, SN10 4RB for Mr Brewer

Site Visit: 11th May 2020 by two councillors

Letters of Representation: None received or on WC website

TH explained that this cedar is in relatively poor condition as it is in the shadow of trees in neighbouring properties

Proposal	Proposer	Seconder	Resolution
NO OBJECTION	TH	MH	AGREED unanimously

5d. 20//02833/FUL – Demolition of derelict tractor shed. Erection of a single storey dwelling with disabled access for retirement of farmer and his wife at Crookwood Mill Farm, Fullaway Farm North East to Stert, SN10 3JA for Mr Herrod-Taylor

Site Visit: Not considered necessary due to location

TH explained that this property is adjacent to the boundary of Stert / Urchfont, which is why both are being consulted. The actual property location is within the Parish of Stert being on the far side of Stert Footpath 14, it has no impact on distant neighbouring properties within Urchfont Parish. LC expressed some concern about this being a residential development in the countryside, will WC be content with this? TH was of the view that this is a permitted development, the footprint of the old and proposed new properties appears identical. PC expressed the view that this is a brilliant proposal on essentially a brown field site to facilitate a retirement home for a farmer and his wife. GC asked whether the application has been considered by Stert PC, LC who lives in Stert was not aware that it had to date. PW advised that this application will probably be considered in one of two ways, as a permitted Q development (which allows a single dwelling to replace a redundant agricultural building without an agricultural tie) or on the basis of an agricultural tie. GC asked for confirmation that Urchfont is a statutory consultee in this case, TH confirmed that it is.

Proposal	Proposer	Seconder	Resolution
SUPPORT on the understanding that it will be considered as a Permitted Q development	PC	MB	AGREED unanimously

6. Decisions received from Wiltshire Council up to 4th May 2020 –

6a. 20/02248/TCA – Reduce limb of Ash Tree to below damaged area and reduce nearby branches to shape at Dunelm, Wedhampton, SN10 3QB – NO OBJECTION

6b. 20/01251/FUL – Proposed demolition and reconstruction of side extension to form ground floor dining area and enlargement of first floor master bedroom. Conversion of garage to play room and extension of side wall to form larger first floor bedroom and new study to rear. Proposed garden workroom at 5 Manor Close, Urchfont, SN10 4RE – APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS

6c. 20/1309/FUL – Removal of existing external store building and adjacent brick walls allowing for new parking spaces. Conversion and extension of existing garage into a kitchen extension. New pitched roof porch to front replacing existing flat roof porch. Rear flat roof of main house altered to a pitched roof. New second storey introduced with rooms

in the roof including rooflights. Existing windows replaced with new double glazed sash windows (as from original design at turn of last century) at Club House, Urchfont, SN10 4QN – **APPROVE WITH CONDITIONS**

6d. **20/02734/TCA** – Beech – reduce by 20% and shape accordingly. Copper Beech – Trim to previous cut points – annual maintenance at 5 The Orchard, Urchfont, SN10 4QX – **NO OBJECTION**

7. **Matters for Report** - None

Date of next scheduled Planning Meeting is Wednesday 10th June 2020.