



Dodington Parish Council

DRAFT MINUTES of the Meeting of the **Planning Committee** held at Dodington Parish Hall (Council Chamber) on **Monday 21st August 2023** at **9pm** (delayed start from 8:15 due to CL&E running over).

PRESENT: Councillors Richard Evans, David Fitt, Bob Graham, Christine Howard (Chairing Meeting), Sarah Hurley, Adrian Hutton, Sandra Jee, Jean Thomas and Chris Zapata.

Also present: Clerk – Hannah Saunders (Clerk for meeting) & Deputy Clerk Philippa Tymon.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Louise Harris and Paul Hulbert (Laura Pearson Tong doesn't sit on committee).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Jean Thomas expressed an interest in item 5, Tern Inn Car Park Development – she will leave room whilst that matter is being discussed.
There were no requests for dispensations.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of public present.

4. MINUTES OF AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON 19th JUNE 2023

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes, as printed and circulated, be confirmed as a true record (after minor amend to name). Cllr Christine Howard signed a copy of the minutes.

Matters arising – not covered off during course of agenda:

It was confirmed that Cllr Adrian Hutton would like to be included on the Burial Ground Working Group and that Cllr Jean Thomas would like to be included on the Schools Travel Plans Working Group.

Kelston Close had been covered on CL&E agenda .

Cllr Jean Thomas left room for next item.

5. TERN INN CARPARK DEVELOPMENT

Draft minutes from Full Council Meeting the previous week were noted regarding Drop In Session with local residents regarding removal of hedge bordering car park.

Actions from that were for Clerk / Chair to get more accurate costings for bushes and to have discussion with SGC regarding License for hedge.....

Cost of laurels (for approx. 5 – 6ft established plants) was in region of £55 / plant. Both Landcare and Oswalds had some in stock – (possibly enough to plant alongside the western border with car park) and cost would be between £1600 and £1800.

Advice from Landcare would be to leave the ground for a while following removal of current hedge and feed the soil before replanting. This would mean residents having to live with just fence for a while.

Clerk had had initial conversations with SGC regarding license and in principle they were happy with Dodington taking on license. However, it sounds as if they would stipulate native plants / hedge / tree's should existing hedge be removed and new one planted in it's place.

They also said to ensure that once 'fence' was erected by developer – to ensure that ongoing ownership / maintenance was established and documented.

Native varieties would either be much smaller to begin with – or if more established a lot more expensive.

Clerk has made the various departments at SGC aware of impending revised plans to be submitted – and what conversations have taken place with local residents....

Next steps – to update residents – this can be by way of them receiving copy of draft planning minutes – and speaking to office if they have any questions....and if necessary, having another meeting and to update developer accordingly.

Members then discussed Electric Vehicle Charging Points at length. They were aware of the company that developer had been in touch with regarding 'free' installation – but they had reservations over ongoing costs – and how those would be funded. They were also concerned about the loss of a parking space and how to manage people parking in space with EVCP when they don't have electric car – and the difference in times people could park (as this would be longer if you were charging a vehicle). They felt it would become an administrative problem for the office and although they support the growth of infrastructure for Electric Vehicles the time isn't right currently for Parish Council to get involved – there are too many unknowns.

Clerk to respond to developer informing them that they don't want to see installation of EVCP at this time within the car park area that they have agreement to lease on.

Cllr Jean Thomas returned to the room.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Planning applications considered can be reviewed in Appendix 1 attached to these minutes.

Cllr Chris Zapata gave his apologies (9:30pm) and left the meeting. Meeting still quorate.

7. BURIAL GROUND

Members had all received the current Rules and Regulations for Burial Ground – and duly discussed if there were any amendments required.

It was agreed that Rule 11 viii be completely removed and that wording of 15 i be amended to read '*Graves will be turfed flat once they have settled down to ground level and will be maintained regularly*'.

Clerk to update and publish accordingly as of 21st August 2023.

Cllr Adrian Hutton gave his apologies (9:40pm) and left the meeting. Meeting still quorate. Members asked if they wanted to continue or suspend the meeting due to time. It was unanimously agreed to continue.

8. BUS SHELTER REPLACEMENT

This item was deferred from last planning committee meeting, when only 2 quotes had been received. The third company wouldn't quote in end – so Clerk had approached someone else. Clerk confirmed that she had received 3 quotes – but that they were all quite different – and didn't want to rush matter. ,

Given that everyone had been at CL&E prior to Planning and it was getting late – it was agreed Clerk would email quotes in readiness for next meeting (Planning) when it would be discussed. **PMN** – although it was agreed to defer to Planning on 2nd October 2023 – Clerk took decision to include on F&GP agenda on 4th September 2023.

9. FINANCE MATTERS

YTD spend against budget was reviewed – and it was noted that only 20% of budget spent and nearly halfway through the year. All in order.

10. ITEMS TO REPORT

Clerk informed members of email from local resident regarding reduction in speed limit on B4465 (this had been looked at in June and Clerk confirmed both to resident and Ben Stokes that members would be supportive of reduction in speed limit).

Clerk had forwarded members details received from SGC regarding Electric Scooter Trial – Temporary Traffic Regulation Order 2023.

Clerk confirmed that tender would go live on Contract Finder – 1st September 2023.

Cllr Jean Thomas gave apologies for 4th September F&GP Meeting. Cllr David Fitt gave apologies for 18th September Full Council Meeting.

The date of the next Planning Committee meeting – Monday 2nd October 2023.

As there was no further business – the meeting was closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed Committee Chair

Date