

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
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**Approved minutes of Planning Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 19th August 2009 commencing 7-00 p.m.**

Present: Councillors G Carr-Jones (Chairman) P Ashcroft, J Cowley, K Garland, D Grimes, J Wardell, and B Alexandre.

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance: 1 member of the public for the planning session, Mr J Parker, Chief Exec. (DAPTC). For the training session & Mr C May (Chair Lydlinch PC) for the whole meeting.

1. To receive apologies

Apologies had been received from R Penfold, W Batty –Smith & J Cox.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To confirm minutes of the last meeting and decisions of NDDC Planning Committee.

Resolved: The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 5th August having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The following decisions of NDDC Planning Committee were received:

2/2009/0419/PLNG Full Planning (Minor) Mr & Mrs Brice
Erect 1 no. dwelling with attached double garage and form 3 no parking spaces
4, Bakers Field, STALBRIDGE Approved

The Chairman proposed and there was general agreement that **Item 4.** be taken after the planning matters on the arrival of Mr J Parker, Chief Exec. (DAPTC).

5. Planning applications

2/2009/0629/PLNG Convert existing office into 1 No equestrian workers dwelling.
Skylands, Stalbridge, Mrs A Nolder.

The meeting was adjourned for open forum and members of the public given the opportunity to speak. On reconvening members considered a link of the dwelling to the business development plan for Skylands. Members reviewed a letter outlining the needs for the application. The meeting was further adjourned for the applicants' agent to answer member's questions. On reconvening members expressed support of the rural business.

Resolved: It was proposed and agreed to recommend approval of the application and if the officer is mindful to refuse the application members request that the application is brought before the full committee.

09/02969/S73 Application to remove condition 3 of decision notice
08/00351/FUL dated 20/05/09 i.e. to permit the development of anaerobic digester units

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without the implementation of the use of the adjoining site as a bio-refinery (GR 375142/120195) Land At Henstridge Airfield Landshire Lane Henstridge Somerset BA8 0TN. Mr Geoff Jarvis. SOUTH SOMERSET.

The Chairman asked members for their comments and thoughts. The number of traffic movements were considered and the number quoted of 5 HGS's per day seemed a small amount in relation to that already permitted under the previously granted Bio refinery application. Members understood that the anerobic digester units could operate irrespective of the bio-refinery coming into operation.

Resolved: It was proposed and agreed that members make no objections to the application based on only 5 vehicle movements a day.

09/02774/COU The change of use of airfield from a recreational airfield to business use (GR 374640/120380) Henstridge Airfield The Marsh Camp Road Henstridge, Somerset BA8 0TN. Losan Ltd. SOUTH SOMERSET

The Chairman asked members for their comments and thoughts. Members understood the aim of the application to permit flights to the airfield for business trips. Members considered whether the application as presented was too open ended and lacked detail.

Resolved: It was proposed and agreed that members are not in a position to make a recommendation on the application based on the information provided and would like to request additional information.

4. **Training session with Mr J Paker DAPTC**

An informal training session followed covering the following subjects & issues: -

- The role of the DAPTC as an advisory body to the Council.
- The importance of re-visiting Standing Orders and Financial regulations.
- The role and authority of the Clerk.
- Members declaration of interest and the Clerks awareness of the register of interest and role in advising members on matters of declaration.
- The importance of regular attendance at meetings and the need for apologies. The role of the Chair & Vice Chair in dealing with persistent non-attendance within the 6-month rule.
- Attendance of site meetings by the planning committee and the importance of bringing individual opinions / views to the planning meeting.
- A brief introduction to the new legislation 'The Power of well being'

The Chair thanked Mr Parker on behalf of members, for offering his time for a very informative and beneficial training session for all those in attendance.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.29 p.m.

Date.....

Signed.....

Chairman