

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Approved minutes of Planning Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 18th December 2013 commencing 7.00 p.m.

Present Councillors G Carr-Jones (Chair), P Ashcroft, T Bishop, J Cowley, K Garland & R Knapp.

T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

Welcome to members of the public and introductions.

1. To receive apologies.

Apologies had been received in advance of the meeting from W Batty-Smith, A Dike, D Hine & C Moore & J Smith.

2. Declarations of interest.

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting - held on 20th November 2013

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

4. To consider the following planning applications.

- a. 2/2013/1260/PLNG Change of use of existing timber log cabin (currently agricultural use) to a hunting lodge. Home Farm, Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2SH. Mr J Ward.

The applicant advised that the change of use would allow shooting clients to stay overnight in the building on an occasional basis. Whilst some members were opposed to the application others were keen to support the rural economy, but felt strongly that this application should not lead to a future dwelling in open country side which would contravene planning policy.

A proposal to object to the application was made but failed in voting.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to support the application in principal, however members would like to see:

- **The Change of use restricted to times of use based on the hunting season.**
- **A limit to the period of granted permission of 5 years if applicable.**
- **A tie to the business upon which this application has been made.**

In conclusion members trust the above other applicable restrictions would prevent a future dwelling in open countryside resulting from this application.

- b. 2506/CA/SLS/13 Notification of intent to carry out works to tree within a conservation area – fell Ash, 2 Station Road, Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2RG. Spectrum Property Care.

It was noted that the tree in question was very close to a wall.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to make no objection to the application.

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- c. 2509/TPO/SLS/13 Tree preservation order application for work to protected trees – fell poplar, Stour Valley Bungalow, Gibbs Marsh Trading estate, Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2RY. Mr V Chaffey.

It was noted that the tree was storm damaged and was a potential hazard to livestock.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to make no objection to the application. However members would like to see the trees replaced with native species.

- d. 2492/CA/SLS/13 Notification of intent to carry out works to tree within a conservation area – fell Acer, 15-16 Pond Walk, Stalbridge, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 2PY. Spectrum Property Care.

Members did not understand why the tree needed to be felled.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to object to the application as members can see no valid reason why the tree should be felled.

5. Recent decisions of NDDC Development Management Committee.

None.

6. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications.

None.

7. Planning matters of report.

None.

- 8. Date of the next meeting** - The next Planning meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th January 2014**. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Tuesday 17th December 2013.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.26 pm

Date...29/01/14

Signed.....
Chairman