

**Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 8th October 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.**

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

In attendance No other attendees

To receive apologies All Planning Committee members present

Declarations of Interest None

Confirm minutes of last meeting and decisions of NDDC Planning Cttee

The minutes of the Planning Cttee meeting held on 24th September were approved and signed by the Chairman. With reference to the Minutes of the Planning Meeting on the 13th August, the list of cheques signed was omitted at the time of signing. A copy of this was therefore signed and approved as an addition to those minutes.

Decisions of NDDC Planning Committee

No. 0803 Cadeby Cottage, Wood Lane. Install window. Granted

Planning Applications

0904 5 Park Road. Create vehicle access and erect retaining wall. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by B Alexandre that there be no objections but the TC would wish to see the flat stones at present used as the retaining wall, and a special feature of Stalbridge, incorporated in the new visibility splay wall;. All agreed

Discuss Play Area Inspection Reports

The Inspection Reports were gone through and it was agreed that the minor points raised would be looked at on the next site visit morning

Sign cheques

It was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J Cowley that the following cheques be signed.

Awards for All- balance of grant not used	202.77
Stalbridge Building Supp. Taps for Flat	17.08
Fitting same	20.00
Topline Contract Furniture	534.04
Contract Interiors	1380.63

Inventory

The Inventory was gone through and the following actions agreed.

B Alexandre will inspect most of the seats and photograph those which she feels need attention.

J Smith to be asked if he will look at the seat and pump on Church Hill.

The Bier House will be looked at on a site visit morning.

It was proposed by B Alexandre and seconded by K Garland that the old seat in front of Stalbridge Close be replaced by one from Glasdon to match the other one replaced earlier this year (other seat prices had been obtained but the Glasdon one is the cheapest). Carried on a vote of 7 in favour. Clerk to arrange.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-45 p.m.

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 24th September 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes, J Smith, J Wardell and G Carr-Jones, Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance C Cllr D Fox and 7 residents.

To receive apologies W Batty-Smith and R Penfold

Declarations of Interest The Town Council property borders on the site of application No. 0861

Confirm minutes of last meeting and decisions of NDDC Planning Cttee

The minutes of the Planning Cttee meeting held on 10th September were approved and signed by the Chairman with the following alteration

Item 2. Should read W Batty-Smith, G Carr-Jones and J Wardell.

With regard to the Stone Stile in Pond Close, copy letter received from NDDC to the Developers advising them to replace the stile in a suitable position

Decisions of NDDC Planning Committee

No. 0687 17 Grove Lane Close. Erect shed and ramp. Granted

Planning Applications

No. 0861 Land off Station Road. Erect dwelling and garage. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Cox that objections be raised on the grounds that in the new position windows would be overlooking the neighbouring properties and much too close to their boundaries and that if Officers are minded to approve this application then the Town Council request that the matter be put before the full Development Control Committee. 7 in favour. Motion carried

Somerset CC Copse Quarry. Deposit of inert material. Details of what "inert material" consisted of having been obtained, this matter was discussed further. Many objections had been raised by local residents in respect of a massive increase in heavy goods vehicles needed to transport the materials to the site. It was also pointed out that the original planning permission was granted on condition that the site was not filled in but returned to nature conservation. It was proposed by J Cox and seconded by D Grimes that objections be raised on these grounds. All agreed.

No. 0885 2 Grosvenor Road. Erect extension. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Cox that there be no objections. All agreed.

No. 0886 Wm.Hughes, Station road. Erect extension. It was proposed by J Cox and seconded by J Cowley that there be no objections. All agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-00 p.m.

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 10th September 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes, R Penfold, J Wardell and G Carr-Jones, Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance No-one else present

To receive apologies Cllr J Smith

Declarations of Interest W Batty-Smith, G Carr-Jones and W Batty-Smith all have properties that may be affected by Agenda Item 5.

Confirm minutes of last meeting and decisions of NDDC Planning Cttee

The minutes of the Planning Cttee meeting held on 13th August were approved and signed by the Chairman.

With regard to the request for a meeting with T Warwick regarding the Regional Spatial Strategy, it was confirmed that, in spite of the fact that Stalbridge had been mentioned

in a press report regarding this, Towns and Parishes are not consultees on this matter. However, it was confirmed that Stalbridge would retain its present development boundary. J Cowley proposed that a letter be sent to the Government for the South West with regard to the use of "in" or "at" in respect of any proposed development, J Cox seconded the proposal. A vote was taken and the motion lost on a vote of 3 in favour and 6 against. It was pointed out to J Cowley that he was perfectly entitled to write on the matter personally.

Decisions of NDDC Planning Committee

No. 0678 Hawthorn Cottage, Stalbridge Weston, extensions. Granted

Letter from NDDC re. Hallets Farm, Kings Mill Road with details of refusal of No. 1291 request for residential use and 0674 erect a further building together with details of the enforcement notices issued.

Planning Applications

No. 0803 Cadeby Cottage, Wood Lane. Install window. It was proposed by K Garland and seconded by J Co that there be no objections as no properties would be overlooked. All agreed.

SCC No. 03335 Copse Quarry, Landshire Lane. Deposit inert excavated material and restore. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Cox that a definition of "inert" is required before being able to comment. All agreed.

Notification of application to fell Leylandii trees to the rear of 3 Westminster Buildings. There were no objections to this.

Discuss NDDC proposal for Article 4(2) Direction in Stalbridge Conservation Area.

The purpose of this proposal is to endeavour to ensure that properties that are not listed but form an important part of the Conservation Area do not have those areas which are on view such as front elevations including doors, windows etc., changed. If adopted it would mean that such properties would need planning permission to change these aspects in future. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that there were no objections to this proposal going out for public consultation.

Sign Cheques

It was proposed by B Alexandre and seconded by D Grimes that the following cheques be signed.

B Telecom £332.43

R Sharp £525.60

S & A Builders £920.03

AKH Heating £191.80
Soc. L C Clerks (Conference) £376.00

P Ashcroft proposed that alternative telephone line suppliers be investigated.

Other business

Quote received from Westree for concrete posts in lieu of metal posts for new JFPA fence at £35 per metre as opposed to £32 per metre. Agreed, but it was also agreed that no gates would be put in and just one gap left at the Jarvis Way end of the fence.

G Carr-Jones asked that a proposal for a change of start time for meetings during the winter months be placed on the next Agenda and asked Councillors to consider this before the meeting.

W Batty-Smith advised that the hole in the road at Church Hill is getting bigger each day and is a dangerous hazard. Letter to be written to Mr A Ackerman of DCC.

He also advised that Dike & Son, R Else Butchers and M Else Seafood had all got awards at the Dorset County Show. It was agreed to send them all a letter of congratulation.

J Cowley reported that the stone stile in Pond Close has been removed. Clerk to write to Development Control regarding this.

Letter received from NDDC asking if the TC would be interested in paying for additional litter/dog bins. Cost to be ascertained.

The Clerk advised that the Toilets are basically finished but a meeting will be arranged to hand them over and to explain about the time locks. J Wardell and R Penfold to be advised of date and time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-45 p.m.

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 2nd July 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.

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

In attendance C Cllr D Fox, Sara Williams Community Development Worker, P. C. P Sugrue, V McManus, BVM and 3 young members of the public

To receive apologies W Batty-Smith J Cox and R Penfold

Declarations of Interest G Carr-Jones declared a personal interested in the Planning application and took no part in the decision

Confirm minutes of last meeting and decisions of NDDC Planning Cttee

The minutes of the Planning Cttee meeting held on 18th June were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising.

It was agreed to put the question of the layout/possible grant for the additional land for burials on the next Agenda

The ditches in Duck Lane would appear to be a Highway matter.

Decisions of NDDC Planning Committee None received

Planning Applications

No. 0580 – 8 Anglesey Cottages install stone mullion and metal window frame to ground floor. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by P Ashcroft that there be no objections. All agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7-42 p.m.

**Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 18th June 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.**

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, W Batty-Smith, J Cowley, K Garland, D Grimes, R Penfold, J Smith, J Wardell and G Carr-Jones Chairman

In attendance Eleven members of the public present, joined by three young people PC Phil Sugrue and PCSO Kate James

To receive apologies C Cllr D Fox, J Cox

Declarations of Interest None

Confirm minutes of last meeting and decisions of NDDC Planning Cttee

The minutes of the Planning Cttee meeting held on 21st May were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Decisions of NDDC Planning Committee

No. 0396 Annex Gibbs Marsh Farm Granted
Nos. 0025/26 Stalbridge Arms Hotel. Various Alterations. Granted

Proposed Youth Shelter in Stalbridge

The Chairman asked the members of the public if they had a spokesperson – no. Those members of the public present were under the impression that the discussion was to be about a Shelter on the JFPA, and several spoke voicing their opposition. The Chairman stated that was not what was on the agenda, and that that suggestion had been voted against in December. We were here to discuss the principal of a Youth Shelter. Several members of the public again stated that there were problems in the JFPA, because of youngsters with drink, and noise nuisance etc. PC Phil Sugrue was asked about other Youth Shelters in his area, and commented favourably on those at Hazelbury Bryan and Stourton Caundle. A member of public (lady) asked why they couldn't use Youth Club, why volunteers couldn't run it etc. Bob Penfold answered – not enough hours provided by youth service. After more comments about vehicles and drinking etc, the Chairman pointed out that the Youth Shelter was intended for youngsters in the rough age range of 14-16, who would not be driving. He was concerned that there seemed to be an 'anti-youth' feeling, whereas there were only a few who unfortunately caused problems. He then asked Councillors individually and all were in favour in principle, with provisos that siting, up-keep, and funding were fully discussed. Those young people present commented that if they were involved in the construction of such a shelter, then they would feel responsible for it, and it would not be 'trashed'.

On the matter of problems at JF Play area, the police can only do something if they are informed. Information leaflets were given out.

It was proposed that the item of the Youth Shelter be put on the Agenda as a 'rolling' item, by John and seconded by Des Grimes. Carried Unanimously.

Sign Cheques

In accordance with S O No.40 it was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by B Alexandre that the following cheques be signed

DA Services Yeovil Hall Grant £701.97
Blackmore Vale Forge P Fields Grant £309.03
J Foster-Pegg Lease of Toilets £773.75
J Foster-Pegg Purchase Land for Churchyard £331.01
Ray Sharp NDDC grass £395
S Post £ 60
Ring £130.60 £585.60

Councillors' Reports/Questions

G Carr-Jones reported that he had received an e-mail from S. Hill NDDC to say that the business rates on the Car Park and Toilets would be split – TC to pay toilets.

G Carr-Jones reported that grants were available for youth facilities. The Big Lottery Fund is delivering 'myplace' on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). £160m will be available in year one (2008/09) of which up to £50 million is available through a fast-track application route. myplace aims to deliver world class youth facilities driven by the active participation of young people and their views and needs. There is information on the DCC website. Clerk to be asked to investigate.

John Cowley asked about a Churchyard Grant – no information available yet.

Kate Garland had attended a Library Meeting, and the Friends have asked if the TC loan of £100 could be extended until September. It was thought that it had been a 'donation'

A questionnaire has been sent out by the School to parents, stating that it was 'on behalf of the TC', asking children for suggestions for the JFPA – Clerk to be asked to investigate.

John Cowley reported that an incident at JFPA had left a young boy requiring an ambulance, and to gain entry the padlock was removed from the gate. Should it be replaced? Proposed by B Alexandre and seconded by K Garland that it be left unpadlocked. If any problems arose, it can be replaced.

B Penfold drew attention to the watery state of Drews Lane – whose responsibility to clean out ditches?

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-10 p.m.

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Stalbridge Hall On Wednesday 23rd April 2008 commencing 9-45 p.m.

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, G Carr-Jones, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes, R Penfold, J Smith and W Batty-Smith
Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

To receive apologies None

Declarations of Interest None

Planning Applications

No. 0274 Ryalls Farm. Erect Agricultural dwelling. Approval of Reserved matters. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Cox, that there be no objections. All agreed.

The following are all in South Somerset District and refer to land at Henstridge Airfield.

No. 1536 Variation of Condition 10 of PA 00717. It was proposed by J Cox and seconded by J Cowley that no recommendation be made until details of the conditions applicable are submitted. All agreed.

No. 01618 Erect extension to existing hangar. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Cox that refusal be recommended as no reason is given for the extension which appears to presuppose an increase in the number of aircraft using the airfield. A vote was taken with the result of 7 in favour, 3 against . The motion was carried.

No. 01647 Erect wind turbine. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Cox that refusal be recommended on the grounds that the 100m turbine could present a hazard to aircraft using the airfield and would seriously impact upon the natural beauty of the Blackmore Vale. 5 in favour, 3 against, 2 abstained. The motion was carried.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10-15 p.m.

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 9th April 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, G Carr-Jones, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland, D Grimes, J Smith and R Penfold (Chairman), D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance No members of the public

To receive apologies C Cllr D Fox, W Batty-Smith and J Wardell

Declarations of Interest None

Confirm minutes of last meeting and decisions of NDDC Planning Cttee

The minutes of the Planning Cttee meeting held on 12th March were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Decisions of NDDC Planning Committee

No. 0084 Jasmine Cottage, Wood Lane. Erect extension and garage. Granted
No. 0153 1 Park Grove. Erect two storey extension. Granted
Sth. Som. 00378 Change of use back to operational airfield. Part of Henstridge Airfield.
Granted

Planning Applications

No. 0258 Bagber Bridge Erect Hut for telemetry equipment. It was proposed by J Cox and seconded by B Alexandre that there be no objections. All agreed.

No. 0260 Woodcrest, Station Road. Erect Car Port. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Cox that there be no objections. All agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7-40 p.m.

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 12th March 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland,
D Grimes, R Penfold, J Smith, J Wardell and W Batty-Smith Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance D Cllr G Carr-Jones

To receive apologies None

Declarations of Interest None

Confirm minutes of last meeting and decisions of NDDC Planning Cttee

The minutes of the Planning Cttee meeting held on 27th February were approved and signed by the Chairman.

With regard to the proposed Parking Restrictions the Chairman confirmed that after the next Planning Meeting on the 26th March there would be a private meeting with Mr A Jowsey of DCC to discuss the comments made during the consultation period and any further proposals that may be put before the public at the special Town Council meeting to be held after the Annual Parish Meeting on April 23rd

Decisions of NDDC Planning Committee

No. 0049 The Sawmills, Station Road. Erect extension. Granted
No. 0989 Ryalls Farm Erect agricultural dwelling. Outline Granted.

Planning Applications

No. 0153 1 Park Grove. Erect two storey extension. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Wardell that there be no objections and as previous concerns had been addressed, if refusal was recommended by Officers, the matter should be put before the full Planning Committee. All agreed.

No. 0175 Bartlett's Cottage. Erect extensions. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Wardell that there be no objections. All agreed.

With regard to the application for works to protect trees at Cranleigh, Church Hill, it was decided to make no comments

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-00 p.m.

**Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Wednesday 27th February 2007 commencing 7-30 p.m.**

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, J Cowley, J Cox, D Grimes, R Penfold
J Wardell and W Batty-Smith Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance 16 Electors

To receive apologies C Cllr D Fox, D Cllr G Carr-Jones, Cllrs. K Garland
and J Smith

Declarations of Interest None

Confirm minutes of last meeting and decisions of NDDC Planning Cttee

The minutes of the Planning Cttee meeting held on 13th February were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Decisions of NDDC Planning Committee None to hand

In view of the interest from the electors present the Chairman decided to deal with Item 5 next.

**Consider Town Council's response to comments on proposed
Traffic Calming Scheme**

The Chairman went through the history of the parking restrictions in the High Street and explained that as a result of the request for a Pedestrian Crossing being refused the DCC Highways had produced the scheme to replace the single yellow lines in the High Street with double but at the same time provide a limited time waiting area between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. outside the Newsagents and Hairdressers. They felt that this would help alleviate the problem with heavy lorries being unable to pass each other without mounting the pavement due to illegal parking (motorists are more likely to take notice of the double lines) but loading and unloading and parking by disabled badge holders would still be able to take place. The Chairman then allowed those members of the public present to express their views, which were all against the proposed changes and included complaints that they had not been consulted. The Chairman pointed out that the matter had been put on various Agendas and discussed at various Council meetings which are always open to the Public. As a result it was agreed to hold a public meeting

and to invite a representative from DCC to attend and answer questions. Date to be arranged by the Clerk. It was also agreed to send the draft letter produced by the Clerk to the Blackmore Vale Magazine for publication, with the additional comment that the various planning applications that have been granted for developments on Henstridge Airfield would increase the heavy traffic through the High Street. All members of the public then left the meeting.

Planning Applications

No.0116 Middle Farm, Stalbridge Weston continue use of Mobile Home for Agricultural Worker for 3 years It was proposed by B Alexandre and seconded by J Wardell that although there is no objection to the continued use of the mobile home it would that the plan attached to the application is incorrect. There are two units on the site but the application is for one only. The unit shown would appear to be the alleged office accommodation. It is requested that the application is dealt with by the full committee unless refusal is recommended. All agreed.

B Alexandre advised that there had been problems with the HGVs accessing the site during the middle of the night on Tuesday 26th Feb. Clerk to raise the matter again with DCC and also contact NDDC regarding possible noise pollution.

Clerk to progress

Sth. Som. No.00351 Site Anaerobic Digester Units to serve Biorefinery Henstridge Airfield. J Cox proposed and R Penfold seconded that although there is no objection to the application there are concerns about the increase in vehicle movements which could adversely affect Stalbridge. All agreed

Other Business

With regard the price for repairing the housing of the Pump on the Ring, the Clerk confirmed that the price of £345 plus VAT included replacing all the timber, treating and painting. It was therefore agreed that this work should be carried out.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-20 p.m.

Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office On Wednesday 13th February 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.

Present Councillors J Cowley, D Grimes, R Penfold, J Smith, J Wardell and W Batty-Smith Chairman. B Alexandre part of meeting only, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance 3 electors

To receive apologies C Cllr D Fox, D Cllr G Carr-Jones, Cllrs P Ashcroft, J Cox and K Garland.

Declarations of Interest None

Confirm minutes of last meeting and decisions of NDDC Planning Cttee

The minutes of the Planning Cttee meeting held on 31st January were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Decisions of NDDC Planning Committee

No.0640 Variation of Condition 6 to allow development work to commence during the implementation of traffic management scheme. Granted

Notification received that No. 1349 Signpost Housing for development adjacent to the Library has been withdrawn. Also that the appeal against the enforcement notice in respect of industrial use of land at Priors Down has been refused

Planning Applications

No.0049 The Sawmills, Station Road. Extension to Office It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Wardell that there be no objections. All agreed.

No.0084 Jasmine Cott. Wood Lane. 2 storey Extension It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Wardell that there be no objections provided that the workshop is not used for business purposes. All agreed

Sth.Som. 00119 Unit 8 Marsh Lane. Erect workshop It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Wardell that there be no objections but express usual concerns about additional traffic movements which could affect Stalbridge. All agreed

00378 Reinsate use as part of airport Henstridge Airfield. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Wardell The land concerned, as shown on the Masterplan, is to be retained as a prime area of open space within the airfield. This status should be retained in its entirety. Provision could be made however, for its occasional use as a parking area for 'Open Days' and 'Fly-Ins': the number pf days per year to be closely defined.

00408 Remove prohibition on aerobatic aircraft. Henstridge Airfield. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by J Wardell that refusal be recommended. However after some discussion a vote was taken with the result that 2 were in favour of refusal, 2 against with 1 abstention. The Chairman voted against and therefore Stalbridge TC have no objections to this application

00203 Erect facility for Air Ambulance. Henstridge Airfield. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by that although the return of the Air Ambulance is welcomed, we consider that it should be located on an area of the airfield that is scheduled for development, and not in a location designated as 'a prime area of open space' within the airfield, as identified in the Masterplan Carried 5 in favour, 1 abstention.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-10 p.m.

**Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office
On Thursday 31st January 2008 commencing 7-30 p.m.**

Present Councillors B Alexandre, P Ashcroft, J Cowley, J Cox, K Garland D Grimes, J Wardell and W Batty-Smith Chairman, D J Hine (Clerk)

In attendance D Cllr G Carr-Jones and 10 members of the public

To receive apologies C Cllr D Fox, Cllrs. R Penfold and J Smith

Declarations of Interest

Confirm minutes of last meeting and decisions of NDDC Planning Cttee

Minutes previously approved

Decisions of NDDC Planning Committee

No. 1204 Dairy House Farm C of U of outbuilding to office/artist studio. Granted

No. 1212 Dikes., Install automated Teller Machine Granted

No. 1214 Dikes. Install illuminated sign. Granted

No. 1209 19 Park Road. Install dormer window. Granted

No. 1208 Oakleigh, Lower Road. Install dormer window Granted

Decision from Sth. Somerset DC

N. 02855 Erect engineering workshop, Henstridge Airfield. Refused

Planning Applications

No. 1349 Land to rear of Stalbridge Library. Erect 4 dwellings. Signpost Housing
After a detailed discussion which included various objections raised by members of the public it was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by D Grimes that objections be raised as per attached list compiled by the Planning & GP Cttee. All agreed. It was also pointed out that D Cllr Carr-Jones has already requested that this application be dealt with by the full Planning Committee. Copies of 7 letters of objection received.

No. 0025/0026 Stalbridge Arms. Various alterations. It was proposed by J Cowley and seconded by B Alexandre that objections as per attached list compiled by the P & GP Cttee be raised. 6 in favour, 1 abstention. However it was agreed to add that if the concerns raised in the list can be resolved to the satisfaction of the Town Council then they have no objection to the application being dealt with under delegated powers.

Sth Som. 05482. Site breeding tanks for worms. Henstridge Airfield. It was proposed by D Grimes and seconded by J Wardell that there be no objections. All agreed.

Award contract for Cleaning Toilets and Pavements

After some discussion during which it was confirmed that the various items in the S L A referred to work in Zone 1 only i.e. from The Ring to the bottom of Church Hill and Station Road as far as the Car Park (a plan showing this area to be attached to the SLA) It was proposed by B Alexandre and seconded by D Grimes that the contract for the work be awarded to Gillingham Town Council for 20 hours only from Monday to Friday inclusive. Carried on a vote of 6 in favour 1 abstention.

It was also agreed to write to NDDC and point out that it is felt that the Business Rate of £2,400 p.a. approx. seems excessive for such a small building and that NDDC should continue to pay this as they will get part of it back from the Government in Grant. It was also agreed to request that NDDC bear the legal costs of the Town Council as they have forced the TC to do this work and to take on the lease of the Toilets rather than the TC asking to do it.

Any other business

J Cowley reported that the pavement retaining wall in Park Grove adjacent the Dog Bin is crumbling.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9-15 p.m.

Comments made by the Planning & General Purposes Committee

Planning Application Numbers 0025/0026

Various Alterations – Stalbridge Arms

We object to the above applications, on the grounds that it is unclear whether adequate provision has been made for ventilation to/from the extended kitchen area, and whether that ventilation would impinge on the surrounding properties. We feel it essential that the kitchen exhaust fumes are not directed over the garden of the property to the rear

There are also concerns that the en-suite rooms will not be let out under normal Hotel conditions but let out on full-term residential basis.

We have reservations that as this is a listed building, these proposed alterations/developments might not conform to the appropriate regulations.

Planning Application Number 2/2007/1349

Land to rear of Stalbridge Library – Erect 4 Dwellings

We object most strongly to the above application for the following reasons:

- 1) Due to the inadequacies of the highway network, Stalbridge is scheduled as a 'Town of Limited Growth'. The Town is already well over the number of housing units, as allowed for in the Districtwide Plan.
- 2) Part of this site has already been designated for the relocation of the recycling bins. Please see the attached correspondence between Mr Ritchie (Asset Management Consultant NDDC) and Stalbridge Town Council dated 14th May 2007. As the remainder of the site is urgently required for additional car parking spaces, it is an inappropriate use of the land: since the loss of the car park in Grove Lane, this site has been earmarked as a contingency car park, to provide much needed additional car parking spaces for those who come to Stalbridge to work, residents visiting the Library, Doctor's Surgery and Dental Surgery, parents taking children to school (because of the difficulty of parking elsewhere) and of course, visitors.
- 3) It is an overdevelopment of the site, and will be very intrusive for the residents of Hardy Crescent, the site being on a much higher level than Hardy Crescent.
- 4) It would be a development with an inherent danger: on the assumption that it will house families with young children, they would be a risk to, and at risk from traffic movements within the car park, as well as the increased traffic resulting from the Archstone development. The road directly in front of the proposed properties will in effect become a 'through' road.
- 5) The drainage to the properties is stated to be soakaways, which would exacerbate problems which already exist for properties in Hardy Crescent.
- 6) It is unacceptable to remove another tree within the Conservation area.

We consider it essential that this application goes before the full Development Control Committee.