

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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Draft minutes of Planning Meeting held at the above address on Wednesday 18th March 2020 commencing 7.00 p.m.

Present Councillors: K Garland (Chair), J Convoy, M Dimmer, H Hatcher, R Lovell & M Robinson
T Watson (Clerk)

In attendance

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Apologies had been received from G Carr-Jones (Dorset Cllr) .

Planning Open forum (15 minutes)

No comments

The meeting commenced at 7pm

1. To receive apologies

D Andrews, B Penfold, R Roden & S Waite

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting - held on 4th March 2020

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting having previously been circulated to Councillors were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. To consider the following planning applications

- a. **2/2020/0173/CPE Certificate of lawfulness existing to continue using the roof as a roof terrace. Crown Inn, High Street, Stalbridge, Dorset, DT10 2LL. Mr S Cox**

Communication received from neighbouring residents were read out. It was questioned if the flat roof was structurally adequate to be used as a roof terrace. Members recalled the area being used as a fire escape and for pets. It was appreciated that it would be a good thing for the refurbishment to be completed and members recalled the area being used as a fire escape and as an open space for pets.

RESOLVED: Proposed and agreed to advise that members are aware that the roof has been used for pets and have no significant evidence either way of it being used as a roof terrace / amenity space. Members understand that in the previous marketing literature for the building it was not advertised as having a roof terrace.

5. Report on recommendations made by POSAG under delegated powers

None.

6. Recent planning decisions of Dorset Council

None.

7. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications

None.

8. Correspondence relating to planning matters

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None.

9. To consider the information presented at the Dorset Local Plan workshop for Town Councils and provided feedback to Dorset Council.

Members felt that in the settlement hierarchy the towns below the top two tiers need to be further sub-divided based on population size. In terms of a vision for the town Members were pleased to have the ability to influence the planning process in order to facilitate their vision for the Town which is as follows;

- For the Town to grow with new development in terms of employment, infrastructure and services.
- To retain the character of the smallest town in Dorset.
- Have a defined Town Centre with appropriate amenities to serve the local community.
- To create a reason for the town to be a destination perhaps with its history as a USP.
- Have the opportunity to support and showcase local business
- For the trailway to be linked up
- To retain and grow community spirit in the Town.

10. Members planning matters of report

None.

11. Date of the next meeting – If the Town Council is consulted on applications the representation to DC will be resolved at the extraordinary meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.53 pm