

**Minutes of the Planning Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008**  
**Held at the Brokeridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell**

**Present:** Mrs P Hockey (Chairman), Mrs P Bashford, Mr D Hockey and Mr D Manfield

**Apologies:** Mrs J Rowan and Mr B Thomson

**288 Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

**289 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972**

- Cllrs D and P Hockey declared that the participation of those Parish Councillors who are also members of South Gloucestershire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in the agenda would be on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the Parish Council. Parish Council members who are also District Councillors reserved their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.

**290 Election of Vice Chairman**

Due to the resignation of Cllr Gollin, the post of Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee was vacant.

Following a proposal from Cllr D Hockey, seconded by Cllr P Hockey it was:

**RESOLVED:**

- That Cllr Mrs Bashford be Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2009.

**291 Confirmation of Minutes.**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008 be confirmed and signed.

**292 Planning Applications:**

**RESOLVED:** that the comments attached in appendix I be referred to SGC for consideration.

**293 Protocol for dealing with Urgent Planning Applications**

It was noted that when an SGC Planning Officer grants an extension of response time, this usually means that the officer's report is produced without the Parish Council's observations being included which then appears that the Parish Council has not responded at all. It also means that although these comments would be seen by the SGC committee, they are effectively late and SGC Cllrs do not get the complete picture.

It was further noted, that as the Planning committee now meets fortnightly almost all year, it is very rare for a problem to arise.

**RESOLVED** to recommend:

- That the agenda item "Any Further Urgent Planning Applications (for which an extension of response time cannot be obtained)" is removed from future Planning Agendas.
- That in the event that a planning application is received which falls outside of the scheduled Planning committee meetings that an extra planning meeting is called.

**294 Planning Decisions.**

The Planning Decisions attached as appendix II were noted.

**295 Suspected breaches of Planning Control**

*a Sunbeam Nurseries*

It was reported that there is now a sign advertising "Architectural Antiques"

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC's Enforcement Officer.

*b Lewis's Garage, Woodend Road*

It was reported that cars were being offered for sale here.

- The Clerk was asked to report this to SGC's Enforcement Officer.

**296 Gypsy and Traveller DPD Preferred Options Consultation**

SGC had advised that this document was available to download at [http://www.southglos.gov.uk/mcmshosting/ui/sites/council/Applications/Agendas\\_andreports.htm](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/mcmshosting/ui/sites/council/Applications/Agendas_andreports.htm) and that card copies would be sent to all parishes.

It was noted that this will include plans for Frampton Park (near Cog Mill) and that at the recent meeting with Wessex Water it had been reported that the Environment Agency considered this area to be a flood plain. Cllr P Hockey had written to seek advice about this.

**297 SGC – Amendments to the Permitted Development Regime for Householders**

SGC had notified of a “significant change to the current permitted development regime for householders which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 and relaxed the current regime meaning that many householders may be able to carry out extensions and alterations to houses without planning permission (where they would have needed it before).

Further details are available from the Planning Portal at [www.planningportal.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk).

The committee felt that SGC planners should be giving Town/Parish Councils more information about the implications of this.

- Cllr P Hockey and the Clerk agreed to raise this at the Parish Charter Working Group.

**ACTION CLLR P HOCKEY AND THE CLERK**

**298 Date of Next Meeting**

**MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 7:30 PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE**