

## Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

Held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 at 7.00pm at All Saints Church, Church Road, Upper Farringdon, GU34 3EG.

Present: Cllr R. Chase (Chair) Cllr. S. Anderton, Cllr. T. Cubitt, Cllr. N. Newens and Cllr. G. Oakley  
9 Members of the Public.  
Edwin Macknamara, Acting Clerk.

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### MINUTES

**33/15PL APOLOGIES & WELCOME** - Cllr. Chase welcomed the public to the meeting and explained that as he had a non-pecuniary interest in the property which was the subject of the planning applications to be discussed he would stand down from the Committee during the discussion and voting thereon and Cllr. Oakley had been appointed by the Council to take his place as a member of the Committee for this meeting.

**34/15PL MINUTES**  
Members APPROVED the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on 2<sup>4th</sup> September, 2015 which were then signed by the Chairman as a correct record of events.

**35/15PL DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**  
Cllr. Chase had declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning applications SDNP/15/03809/FUL and SDNP/15/03810/LIS. Cllr. S. Anderton took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**36/15PL OFFICIAL RECEIPTS:** None

**37/15PL PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
The Acting Clerk read the Guidance under which Members of the Public could speak or ask questions etc. on items of business included on the Agenda.

Cllr. Anderton explained that the meeting had been called to discuss the current applications for the development of Massey's Folly and, therefore, residents were invited to address their comments to the meeting prior to the Planning Committee discussing their response as part of the normal consultation process. She encouraged all residents who wished to do so to submit their comments to the local planning authority by the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2015. The meeting was then opened to the public.

A resident who lived adjacent to Massey's Folly had met with the Planning Officer and the Architect who had agreed to a number of changes which affected the siting of the cottages in the grounds and to cut back the Ash trees adjacent to the proposed car parking. As a result of these amendments he had no objections to the proposals submitted.

It was also pointed out that the Oak tree adjacent site was the subject of a Tree Preservation Order and the development could affect the roots of this tree. Permission would be needed from the adjacent property owner to carry out any work on this tree. The Council's Tree Officer would need to be aware of this.

A resident pointed out that the planning application site had included an area of land which was not in the applicant's ownership and affected the access arrangements. It was understood that discussions were ongoing between the applicant and the land owner.

The last application to re-develop Massey's Folly had proposed the removal of the entrance Pillars but this had been refused. However, it was understood that this may be permitted as part of the current

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Proposals. It was also pointed out that there was some evidence of bats in the property and these would be accommodated in the upper level of the Folly in The Bell Tower.

Stained glass would be used in the windows to the first floor and the applicant had agreed to omit windows which may cause overlooking to neighbouring properties.

In view of the difficult access arrangements it was suggested that a Communal Bin site should be provided rather than individual bin collections. A precedent for dealing with bin collections for developments where access by the Refuse Collection vehicles was difficult did already exist.

A resident reported that he believed that scaffolding would only be used at the rear of the property and that the erection of the Cottages would only commence when two thirds of the building work to the existing Folly building had been completed. The residents felt that the applicants had been cooperative in dealing with their suggestions and subject to the amendments had no objection to the proposals for the redevelopment of the site.

## **38/15PL CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS (if any)**

Members REVIEWED the following planning applications:

**SDNP/15/03809/FUL/SDNP/15/03810/LIS: Proposed conversion and associated alterations of building into five dwellings and erection of two cottages in existing grounds, with alterations to existing vehicle access, parking arrangements and layout of associated grounds at Massey's Folly, Church Road, Upper Farringdon, GU34 3EG**

<http://planningpublicaccess.southdowns.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

COMMENTS: Having regard to the comments made by residents present at the meeting members were unanimously in favour of approval of applications number SDNP15/03809/FUL and SDNP/03810/LIS subject to the Local Planning Authority being informed of the comments made regarding the siting of the cottages, protection and work to the trees, the privacy of residents from overlooking and the access arrangements.

The Chairman MOVED to vote and following a unanimous show of hands, it was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND approval of applications numbers SDNP15/03809/FUL and SDNP/03810/LIS subject to the above comments.

## **39/15PL PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS:**

**SDNP/15/04026/LIS Triple bay car port (in substitution for permitted double car port 24439/006) following demolition of garden wall at Upper Woodside, Woodside Lane, Lower Farringdon. GRANTED subject to conditions**

## **40/15PL NEXT MEETING**

The next Planning Committee meeting will take place when applications are submitted that require discussion and comment. This will be advertised to the public one week in advance.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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Edwin Macknamara, Acting Clerk

Friday, 23 October 2015

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Signed as a correct record of events by Cllr. R. Chase, Chairman of the Farringdon Parish Council Planning Committee.

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**Key Messages from the Planning Committee Meeting**

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