

Minutes of a meeting of Frome Town Council’s Planning Committee

Date: 8 August 2024

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Frome Town Hall, Christchurch St West, Frome BA11 1EB & Zoom

Present:

Frome Town Planning Committee Councillors: Philip Campagna, Andy Jones and Steve Tanner

Frome Town Councillors: Anita Collier

In attendance:

Members of the public in person: 1 Members of the public on Zoom: 1

Somerset Councillor: Dawn Denton

Jane Llewellyn, Planning and Development Manager

Catherine Warburton, Planning and Development Officer

Table 1 – Agenda items

Minute Ref	Agenda Item	Action
2023/158P	1 QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, AND INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC None	
2023/159P	2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllr Fiona Barrows, Cllr Mark Dorrington and Cllr Lisa Merryweather Proposed by Cllr Andy Jones, seconded by Cllr Philip Campagna, agreed unanimously.	
2023/160P	3 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS’ INTERESTS All Councillors declared an interest in Application 543, 546 and 547 as Frome Town Council is the applicant. Councillors signed dispensations to allow Councillors to discuss the applications. The dispensations were proposed by Cllr Andy Jones, seconded by Cllr Philip Campagna, agreed unanimously.	
2023/161P	4 TO AGREE TO THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 18 July 2024 Proposed by Cllr Andy Jones, seconded by Cllr Philip Campagna, agreed unanimously.	
2023/162P	6 TO CONSIDER THE MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – APPENDIX 1 ID 549 - Proposed by Cllr Steve Tanner, seconded by Cllr Philip Campagna, agreed unanimously. ID 551 - Proposed by Cllr Philip Campagna, seconded by Cllr Andy Jones, agreed unanimously. ID 543 - Proposed by Cllr Andy Jones, seconded by Cllr Philip Campagna, agreed unanimously. ID 546 - Proposed by Cllr Andy Jones, seconded by Cllr Philip Campagna, agreed unanimously. ID 547 - Proposed by Cllr Andy Jones, seconded by Cllr Philip Campagna, agreed unanimously. It was agreed that the response for all other applications listed in appendix 1 would be no objections or to incorporate suggestions Jane and Catherine sent round to Councillors prior to the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Andy Jones, seconded by Cllr Philip Campagna, agreed unanimously.	
2023/163P	7 TO CONSIDER THE CONSULTATIONS FOR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT WESLEY CLOSE AND RODDEN ROAD (JUNCTIONS ONLY) Jane Llewellyn will contact Somerset Highways to clarify the issue with the disabled bay on Wesley Slope and to clarify the extent of double yellow lines in the parking area outside the convenience store on Rodden Road.	
2023/164P	8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 29 August 2024 at 6.30pm	

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.45pm

Table 2 - Appendix 1 - Major Planning applications received

ID	MDC Reference	Address	Ward	Applicant	Description	Type	Planning Officer	Consultation Response
543	2024/1235/TCA	Catherine Street Car Park Catherine Street Frome	Frome Market	Miss Catherine Warburton	Group of 3 Conifers - Removal of 9 lower limbs from 3 conifers to enable access to the bin storage area below.	Works/Felling Trees in a CA	Bo Walsh	No objection as it is both a FTC project and general tree maintenance. Defer to Somerset tree officer.
544	2024/1233/TCA	17 Portway Frome	Frome Keyford	Ginny Luckhurst	Magnolia - Reduce in height by up to 1.5m. Prune away from stable building at rear of property & neighbouring boundary wall. Raise canopy/remove selected limbs to give clearance of 2-2.5m.	Works/Felling Trees in a CA	Bo Walsh	No objection to general tree maintenance. Defer to Somerset tree officer.
545	2024/0999/HS E	49 Keyford Frome	Frome Keyford	Miss Paula Scott	Single storey kitchen extension	Householder Application	Anna Blackburn	No objection.
546	2024/1274/TPO	Frome Town Hall Christchurch Street West Frome	Frome Market	Miss Catherine Warburton	T1 - London Plane Tree (TPO number: M1205) - prune.	Works/Felling of TPO Trees	Bo Walsh	No objection as it is both a FTC project and general tree maintenance. Defer to Somerset tree officer.
547	2024/1099/FUL	Frome Town Football Club Berkley Road Frome	Frome College	Mr Peter Wheelhouse	Extension to side existing club house to provide new changing facilities and clubhouse renovation. (New plans and description 23.07.2024)	Full Application	Lorna Elstob	This is an FTC project to improve community facilities and as such, FTC fully support the application.
548	2024/1303/HSE	16 Chestnut Close Frome	Frome College	Mr D James	2 storey side extension.	Householder Application	Kirsty Black	No objection

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ID	MDC Reference	Address	Ward	Applicant	Description	Type	Planning Officer	Consultation Response
549	2024/1316/TPO	2 Collett Way Frome	Frome Berkley Down	IG Enviro mental Services	Oak (T1) - Fell.	Works/Felling of TPO Trees	Bo Walsh	Objection. This is an important heritage tree, and is (rightly) covered by a TPO. The insurance reports fail to inconclusively state that the oak tree is causing the subsidence. It is more likely that the subsidence is caused by shrinkage of the clay soil due to the recent heatwave/heavy rainfall cycle that we have been experiencing. A more appropriate response would be to underpin the property to ensure that the foundations are sufficient and to erect a root barrier.
550	2024/1167/TCA	Cedar Cottage Long Ground Frome	Frome Keyford	Ms Jacqui Maxwell	Conifer - Fell.	Works/Felling Trees in a CA	Bo Walsh	No objection if the tree needs felling but would prefer to see it maintained and managed. If it does need to be felled, would like to see it replaced with a suitable alternative. Defer to Somerset tree officer.
551	2021/2574/ADV	B&Q Station Approach Frome Somerset BA11 1RE	Frome Keyford	Amis	Installation of 3no. illuminated, 4no. non- illuminated signs & door vinyls.	Appeal	The Planning Inspectorate	Maintaining objection to totem pole sign and to withdraw the objection to the illuminated sign providing that the illumination is restricted to the opening hours of the store.