

PAULTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee meeting held at the Village Hall
on Tuesday 21st September 2021 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: T Bridgeman, M Colliver, L Hardman, K Paul and H Warren

IN ATTENDANCE: C Hall (Clerk)

21-41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from R Wollacott.
No apologies were received from G Johnson.

21-42. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none. Correspondence received from the public regarding proposed development concerns were noted. If and when, the application comes in front of the Committee the comments will be taken into consideration.

21- 43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

21-44. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th August 2021 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

21-45. CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(1239) 21/04001/TCA – Wessex Water, Goosard Batch, Bristol Road, Paulton.
G1 Hawthorn oak, elder. T2 Crab apple. T3 English oak. G4 hawthorn - remove dead wood in the crown, remove torn limbs, remove ivy and reduce the overhanging nature of some limbs which overhang the footpaths. **Support**

(1240) 21/04127/FUL – Hill Farm, Phillis Hill, Paulton.
Creation of Permanent Rural Worker Dwelling, following erection of Temporary Rural Worker Dwelling (18/01562/FUL). **Support – Isolated home in countryside and we have some doubts about supporting it. However, we have been shown evidence that on this farm there is an essential need for rural workers to live permanently at their place of work. This is borne out by the NPPF Paragraph 79 which supports the need for rural workers to be close to their place of work in the countryside.**

(1241) 21/04205/TCA – Wessex Water, Goosard Batch, Bristol Road, Paulton.
Quercus Robar 7a – Fell. **Support**

(1242) 21/04131/FUL – Parcel 6890, Old Mills, Paulton.
Erection of single storey dwelling with associated works following demolition of derelict farm buildings. **Support**

21-46. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY B&NES COUNCIL

The applications determined by B&NES Council were received and noted.

21-47. OUTSTANDING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

21-48. LOCAL PLAN PARTIAL UPDATE

Councillor L Hardman provided an update in respect of the Local Plan Partial Update explaining the two primary reasons for the update - 1) climate emergency and 2) a review of if there is sufficient housing stock. The potential impact for Paulton is the proposed development on the Purnell's site and the Somer Valley Enterprise Zone.

Resolved - The following response to the consultation would be made on behalf of Paulton Parish Council:

Purnell Site

The plan is not positively prepared or justified in updating and replenishing housing supply with 80 extra homes planned for the Purnell site. This replaces the outline planning permission for a continuing care development for the elderly. We would argue that this is a disproportionate amount of housing compared to Paulton's size.

The current housing developments have added around 500 homes to Paulton's population putting a large strain on our infrastructure. For example, both the infant and junior schools have already been expanded and cannot be expanded further. An additional 80 homes will mean children won't be able to attend their local school. The original Local Plan Partial Update did originally state the shortfall of homes would be met by the most sustainable sites of Bath, Keynsham and the Radco site in Westfield. We would argue that Paulton is not a sustainable site. An extra 80 houses would put an incredible strain on our surgery, on our roads and as previously mentioned, on our schools.

Somer Valley Enterprise Zone

The plan is not positively prepared or justified with respect to the Old Mills Industrial Estate now called the Somer Valley Enterprise Zone. Land use of light and heavy industry and warehousing has been changed to include a wider range of land use such as offices, a hotel a pub, retail outlets and off site food consumption units. A more flexible approach to development is outlined, changing land use to one which would be in competition with Midsomer Norton and Paulton.

21-49 HIGHWAYS ISSUES

There were none.

21-50. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee is scheduled to take place on **19th October 2021**.

The meeting finished at 7.30 pm.

Signed (Chairman):Date.....