

MINUTES

Committee: Planning Committee
Date: Monday, 15 January 2018
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Younghayes Centre, 169 Younghayes Road, Cranbrook EX5 7DR

Present

Cllr Les Bayliss
Cllr Kim Bloxham
Cllr Ray Bloxham (in the Chair)

Also Present

Sarah Jenkins, Town Clerk, Cranbrook Town Council

P18/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Kevin Blakey and Cllr Matt Osborn.

P18/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were received.

P18/03 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 23 November 2017 were accepted and signed as a correct record.

P18/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No requests were made by members of the public to give representations in respect of the business on the agenda.

P18/05 PLANNING APPLICATION 17/2943/MRES

The Committee considered planning application 17/2943/MRES seeking permission for landscaping and appearance along the main local route phase 2 (pursuant to application 03/P1900) at Tillhouse Road / Main Local Route Phase 2 Cranbrook. Accompanied by a statement in relation to Environmental Information.

Outline planning consent for the MLR between Younghayes Road and the proposed Town Centre was granted as part of the original outline application for the first 3500 homes.

This part of the MLR has been laid out but to date has a temporary surface, temporary kerbs and an interim layout for crossing points, on street parking and landscaping.

This application provides detail of the surface finishes, kerbs, revised parking, revised landscaping including tree planting, detail of path and cycle way crossing points and drainage.

The proposal provides 43 on street car parking spaces and 43 trees.

Signed:

Dated

The proposals also include detail of the revised proposals for the bridge over the Rockbeare Stream (known locally as the Cranny Bridge) which has been incomplete for some time.

The Town Council particularly welcomes the potential completion of the Cranny Bridge and supports the additional visitor parking provision.

In recommending approval, the Town Council makes just one observation which relates to the grass verge and tree planting scheme. Generally, the tree planting proposals offer good protection for the grass verges as a means of preventing on verge parking and consequential damage which the Town Council is anxious to design out. There are three areas of grass verge in the proposed scheme which are not as well protected as others and offer opportunities for on verge parking. The Town Council would like to see the provision of at least two additional trees and the possible adjustment of the location of a third to complete this aspect of the design.

It was resolved to support the application and recommend approval subject to minor changes to the tree planting scheme to provide for improved protection against on verge parking.

Reason for the recommendation.

- The proposals for the completion of the Cranny Bridge and MLR between Younghayes Road and The Town Centre are welcome and supported.
- The Planning Authority and Developers are fully aware of the desire of the Town Council to design out opportunities for on verge parking to prevent unnecessary damage to the grass verges and maintain an attractive street scene.

P18/06 PLANNING APPLICATION 17/2908/ADV

The Committee considered planning application 17/2908/ADV seeking permission for the display of seven (7) advertisements, comprising one (1) 2m diameter of fascia sign, two (2) free-standing directional signs and four (4) directional signs affixed to existing fences and glazing at the Cranbrook Education Campus, Tillhouse Road, Cranbrook.

It was resolved to support the application.

The meeting closed at 6.38pm.