

MINUTES

Committee: Planning Committee
Date: Monday, 26 October 2020
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: Zoom

Present

Cllr Les Bayliss (Chair)
Cllr Kevin Blakey
Cllr Colin Buchan
Cllr Phil Norgate
Cllr Matt Osborn
Cllr Barry Rogers

Also Present

Cllr Ray Bloxham, Cranbrook Town Council
Tracy Simmons, Deputy Clerk, Cranbrook Town Council

P/20/54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received

P/20/55 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

P/20/56 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Matt Osborn, seconded by Cllr Colin Buchan and **resolved** to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2020 as a correct record.

P/20/57 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

P/20/58 PLANNING WHITE PAPER- IMPLICATIONS AND PROPOSED RESPONSE

The Committee considered the report and proposed response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government consultation white paper.

The Committee discussed that this consultation was aimed at District and County Councils rather than Town or Parish Councils.

It was proposed by Cllr Barry Rogers, seconded by Cllr Kevin Blakey, and **resolved** to not respond to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Consultation White Paper.

Signed

P/20/59 TRANSPARENCY AND COMPETITION A CALL FOR EVIDENCE ON DATA ON LAND CONTROL PROPOSED RESPONSE

The Committee considered the report and proposed response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government consultation Transparency and Competition, A call for evidence on data on land control.

The Committee discussed that this consultation was aimed at District and County Councils rather than Town or Parish Councils.

It was proposed by Cllr Les Bayliss, seconded by Cllr Matt Osborn, and **resolved** to not respond to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government consultation Transparency and Competition, a Call for Evidence on Data on Land Control.

P/20/60 PLANNING APPLICATION 20/1190/MRES

The Planning Committee commented that they previously discussed planning application 20/1190/MRES on the 3 August, Minute Ref P/20/32. At that time, the Committee resolved to support the principle of the development; however, the Committee raised the following comments:

1. to include a mix of colours and designs as seen in Phase 1 of the development as opposed to the blander appearance proposed
2. that there should be a range of house types for the socially rented units and that some of these needed to have outside garden space
3. the number of rear parking courts be reduced where possible and where necessary access to these improved
4. To design-out small areas of public open space and verges or convey these to homeowners wherever possible. Clarity was also needed as to what areas would fall to the Town Council to maintain.

The Committee discussed the supporting documents provided with the application. It was clarified that the Office Support Document was produced to help aid with the decision-making process as it highlights the material planning considerations, against the previously posted comments by the Planning Committee.

The Committee commented that the mix of finishes had been improved, and that the public open spaces had been allocated to householders wherever possible and areas to be allocated to the Town Council were minimal.

The Committee noted that the rear parking areas had been reduced and the parking overall had been improved. However, the Committee raised that rear parking courts are un-utilised by residents and echoed the comments raised by the Police Architectural Liaison Officer regarding safety concerns.

The Committee noted that the range of house types for the socially rented units had not altered in the application. All of the socially rented units were still either flats or over garages and none of these units had any outside garden space. It was discussed that these units could be better dispersed through the development and a mix of house types including some having access to gardens would be preferable echoing the comments raised by East Devon District Councils housing officer.

It was proposed by Cllr Barry Rogers, seconded by Cllr Colin Buchan and **resolved** to support in principle the planning application 20/1190/MRES with the following comments:

1. The Committee remains concerned about the mix of social rented properties particularly that all of these have no garden space, and highlights the comments made by East Devon District Councils housing officer.
2. The Committee remains concerned about rear parking courts and supports the comments made by the Police Architectural Liaison Officer.

The meeting closed at 7.32 pm.

Signed