**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2024 AT 6:15PM**

**Present:**

Cllr U Arnold Cllr G Kennedy

Cllr S Brooke Cllr S Simmons

Cllr E Kelly Cllr C West

**In attendance:**

The Town Clerk

The Assistant Town Clerk

*The meeting was chaired by Cllr West.*

**PL.24/26 Apologies for absence**:

Cllr M Evans – unwell.

**PL.24/27 Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensations:**

None.

 **Public Participation:**

None.

**PL.24/28 Minutes:**

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2024 *(\*copy previously circulated)* were confirmed as a correct record and were approved.
2. There were no updates provided.

**PL.24/29****Standing Item – Climate and Ecology Emergency:**

Membersnoted the Council Declaration and the need to embed the climate emergency declaration across all Council services, activities, plans and other relevant work, considering the environmental impact of decisions, ensuring a fully integrated approach to mitigating the impact of climate change**.**

**PL.24/30** **Consideration of Planning Applications**:

TDC Applications listed to 16.02.24:

1. **a) 20/01679/FUL** Erection of temporary rural workers dwelling, an agricultural barn and two poly tunnels with associated works; Land known as Bovey Heath Farm, Newton Road, Bovey Tracey.

**Observations:** Members noted the withdrawal of the application.

TDC Applications listed to 23.02.24:

**b) 24/00289/HOU** Single storey rear extension (Single storey rear and side extension); 23 Holmes Road, Heathfield.

 **Observations:** No objection, however there were no measures referenced in accordance with the Town Council’s environmental/sustainable policies within the adopted Neighbourhood Development Plan. It was noted that currently, there was no site notice/neighbour notification confirmation on the portal.

DNPA Applications listed to 23.02.24:

1. **0090/24** Replacement Woodland Centre, associated works and extension to tractor store; Yarner Wood, Bovey Tracey (Observations due: 18.03.24).

**Observations:** No objection.

 **d) 0091/24** Access improvements for disabled visitors and general car park safety measures

Natural England, Yarner Wood, Bovey Tracey (Observations due: 19.03.24).

**Observations:** Supported as positive enhancements, however members noted that the car park layout plans (NE-YW-CP-05 and NE-YW-CP-02) do not appear to correlate with application 0090/24 plans?

**PL.24/31 Applications delegated to the Town Clerk:**

 Members noted the following application(s) delegated to the Town Clerk:

**a) 24/00256/TPO** Fell dying/damaged pine tree and leave the stump at fence level; 38 Musket Road, Heathfield (Observations: Referred to TDC Arboricultural Officer).

**PL.24/32 Planning Decisions**:

Members noted the following planning decisions:

1. **Approvals:**

TDC:

**i) 23/01560/HOU** Proposed sun lounge (to replace existing conservatory); Strelna, Lowerdown, Bovey Tracey (Observations: No objection).

**ii) 24/00054/CAN** To crown lift and remove long and overhanging branches from the Yew Tree opposite the car port; The Stables, Trough Lane, Bovey Tracey (Observations: Referred to TDC Arboricultural Officer).

**iii) 24/00061/CAN** Fell Bay tree; 87 Mary Street, Bovey Tracey (Observations: Referred to TDC Arboricultural Officer).

**iv) 23/02301/HOU** Single storey rear extension and associated landscape works; Eddymoor, 3 Brimley Road, Bovey Tracey (Observations: No objection).

DNPA:

1. **Refusals:**

TDC:

**v) 23/02125/HOU** Garage conversion including loft conversion with front and rear dormers; 23 Carpenter Drive, Bovey Tracey (Observations: Object to the application as it is perceived as overdevelopment of the area).

DNPA:

None.

**PL.24/33 General Planning Matters brought forward by Councillors**: *(For information only)*

**Cllr Kelly** enquired about the development of Mary Street Toilets. The Town Clerk advised that the work has been delayed due to building regulations.

**Cllr Kelly** reported significant pot holes along Bovey straights. The Town Clerk has reported these.

**Cllr Brooke** updated members on the work related to the restoration of Stover Park and pedestrian access from Heathfield.

**Cllr Brooke** requested an update on the committee determination date for the Tracey House application.

**Cllr Simmons** updated members on the CABH group aspirations to have a web presence for their group.

Meeting closed at 6.43pm.