**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER 2023 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

Cllr C Burton

Cllr S Oldrieve

A member of the Neighbourhood Watch Association

A member of the Resident’s Association

*The meeting was chaired by Cllr West.*

**PL.23/91 Apologies for absence**:

Cllr M Evans – Personal commitment

**PL.23/92 Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**Public Participation:**

A member of the Neighbourhood Watch Association spoke in relation to tree works at Rendels Meadow and proportional felling. Further, that a Public Right of Way (PROW) between Coombe Close and Le Molay Littry is overgrown. The Town Clerk will report the overgrown PROW and stated that the Town Council delegates observations to the Arboricultural Officer at Teignbridge DC who will determine applications on trees that have Preservation Orders. The Town Clerk will ascertain policy in relation to re-planting.

**PL.23/93 Minutes:**

i) The minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2023 *(\*copy previously circulated)* were confirmed as a correct record and were approved.

ii) There were no updates on actions/items from the previous meeting.

**PL.23/94****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.23/95 Consideration of Planning Applications**:

DNPA Applications listed to 14.07.23:

None.

TDC Applications listed to 14.07.23:

**a) 23/00032/CERT** Appeal against the refusal of 23/00184/CLDE; Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of building as dwelling; Moorwood, Bovey Tracey.

**Observations:** The appeal was noted.

**b) 22/01386/FUL** Dwelling in the garden; 30 Kiln Close, Bovey Tracey.

**Observations:** The withdrawal of the application was noted.

**c) 23/00013/REF** Appeal against the refusal of 21/02681/FUL; Retention of use of light industrial building (Class E) as educational use (Class F1) and insertion of new windows to first floor of side elevation (Observations: No objection).

**Observations:** The appeal was noted.

DNPA Applications listed to 18.08.23:

**d) 0378/23** Discussion aboutstable and fodder store to mirror existing stable and twin access track with turning/parking; Bracken Hill, Haytor Road, Bovey Tracey (Observations due: 05.09.23).

**Observations:** No objection.

TDC Applications listed to 18.08.23:

None.

DNPA Applications listed to 25.08.23:

None.

**PL.23/96 Applications Delegated to the Town Clerk (to note):**

**a) 23/01116/TPO** G002 Pedunculate Oak, selective lateral reductions of between 2.5 – 3m. G003 Common Ash, Fell. T002 Common Ash, Fell. T003, Common Ash, Fell. T007 Willow, Crown raise to 6m. T008 Pedunculate Oak, Crown raise to 6m and lateral reduction by 1.5m; Verge south side, footpath from Bradley Road to Rendells Meadow.

**Observations:** Referred to TDC Arboricultural Officer.

**b) 23/01525/TPO** G5 Ash and Oak remove to ground level, T3 Ash remove to ground level, T1 Oak remove deadwood, T2 Oak remove deadwood, T4 Oak remove deadwood; Brookfield House, Challabrook Lane, Bovey Tracey

**Observations:** Referred to TDC Arboricultural Officer.

**c) 23/01546/TPO** T1 Quercus robur, fell: 1 Brow Hill, Heathfield, Bovey Tracey.

**Observations:** Referred to TDC Arboricultural Officer.

**d) 23/01562/TPO** T1 Oak, fell. T2 Beech, fell. T3 Beech Cluster, fell. T4 Scotts Pine, fell. T5 small whip cluster, fell. T6 Scotts Pine, fell. T7 Scotts Pine, fell. T8 Beech Sapling, fell. T9 Scotts Pine, fell. T10 Silver Birch, fell. T11 – 13 Small cluster saplings, fell. T14 Beech, fell. T15 Beech, fell. T16 Beech, fell. T17 Beech, limb removal. T18 Beech crown raise of 5 lower limbs protruding over road. T19 Beech sapling, fell. T20 Beech crown raise removing 5 lower limbs protruding towards road. T21 Scots Pine, fell. T22 Beech sapling cluster, fell. T23 Beech, prune lowest branch to collar on main stem. T24 Beech prune to collar on main stem. T25 Beech, prune to collar on main stem. T26, Beech sapling, fell. T27 Beech, prune back 3 metres. T28 Beech, prune to collar. T29, Beech, fell. T30 Beech, prune to collar on main stem. T31 Holly, remove: Powerpark 38, Old Newton Road, Bovey Tracey.

**Observations:** Referred to TDC Arboricultural Officer.

**PL.23/97 Planning Decisions**:

Members noted the following planning decisions:

1. **a) Approvals:**

TDC:

**i) 23/00771/HOU** Single storey extension to rear and alterations including annex; The Bibbery, Higher Bibbery, Bovey Tracey (Observations**:** No objection).

**ii) 22/02073/ADV** Two fascia signs and refurbishment of existing totem sign; Dartmoor Garage, Station Road, Bovey Tracey (Observations: The current application is not supported due to all proposed signs being internally illuminated. Station Road frontage should not be lit and the courtyard could be lit as appropriate for a Conservation Area (e.g. lights facing the premises). Any lighting must not cause annoyance/disturbance to neighbouring residential properties).

**iii) 23/00928/TPO** The pruning of 12 trees and the felling of one tree; Land adjoining Indio House, Newton Road, Bovey Tracey (Observations: Referred to Arboricultural Officer).

**iv) 23/01116/TPO (Split decision)** G002 Pedunculate Oak, selective lateral reductions of between 2.5 – 3m. G003 Common Ash, Fell. T002 Common Ash, Fell. T007 Willow, Crown raise to 6m. T008 Pedunculate Oak, Crown raise to 6m and lateral reduction by 1.5m, (T003, Common Ash, Fell – refused); Verge south side, footpath from Bradley Road to Rendells Meadow (Observations: Referred to Arboricultural Officer).

**v) 23/00905/HOU** Proposed extension; The Cottage, 14 Sett Close, Bovey Tracey (Observations: No objection).

**vi) 23/01387/TPO** Multi stemmed Goat Willow, remove 3 stems; Land East of Monks Way NGR 281169 78801 (Observations: Referred to Arboricultural Officer).

DNPA:

**vii) 0282/23** Refurbishment and extension to existing dwelling; Reddaford Water, Bovey Tracey (Observations: No objection).

**b) Refusals:**

TDC:

None.

DNPA:

None.

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**PL.23/98 20mph Community Self-Assessment Form (Tranche 2)**

Members received a verbal update from the appointed Task & Finish Group and considered any further action as appropriate.

**Observations:** Following discussion around the function of the consultation exercise, it was agreed to proceed with consultation at the Nourish Festival to obtain general feedback and gauge support as a first step in the process.

**PL.23/99 Summer Recess Report**

Members received and noted the Summer Recess Report 2023 and the subsequent observations issued.

**PL.23/100 Environmental Policy (Deferred item: PL.23/69)**

Members considered a recommendation to Full Council to re-adopt the policy.

**Observations**: Following discussion, it was agreed to recommend to Full Council the adoption of the revised policy as circulated.

**PL.23/101** **General Planning Matters brought forward by Councillors**: *(For information only)*

**Cllr Kelly** reported the condition of the access path between Cromwells Way and Bullands Field.

Meeting closed at 7.05pm