



Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee of Newent Town Council held on Monday 26th February 2024, Room G4, Newent Community School, Newent, 7.00 pm

Councillors Present:

Cllr Gill Moseley (Chairman)
Cllr Juli Escritt
Cllr Sara Hulbert
Cllr Trevor Beckwith
Cllr Samuel Letchford
Cllr Alan Hedley
Cllr David Sass
Cllr Kay Selwyn

Also Present: Town Clerk and 2 members of the public

Public Participation.

A member of the public made a comment on Planning Application *P0031/24/FUL*, and gave a brief history of the site, they then voiced concerns over the impact on provision of services, transport, and the general environment, that would result if the application were to be granted permission because of the great increase in dwelling-density.

1. To note apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Linda Morris, Cllr Julia Gooch, and Cllr Joshua Robertson

2. Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda.

There were none

3. To approve the Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on Monday 12th February 2024

The Committee resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair.

Cllr Kay Selwyn left the meeting at this juncture

4 Climate Change Action Plan

4.1 To receive an update on the Climate Change Action Plan

The Update was noted

4.2 To review the Climate action Plan

The Climate Change action plan was reviewed, and resolved the following amendments are made to the Climate action Plan.

Comments within 3.4 remove (b) and replace with GCC has installed two street posts and 4 charging points accessed by an app on Church Street, Newent.

Comments within 3.5 add: A Planning consultant has now been appointed

Cllr Kay Selwyn rejoined the meeting

Comments within 5.3 new line add: Newent Town Council has adopted a Biodiversity Policy that will be taken into account when making any decisions.

Comments within 6.1; remove all within the comments section.

Cllr Juli Escritt joined the meeting.

4.3 To Approve the latest Local Recycling and Waste Poster

The Council by unanimous decision approved the latest Recycling Poster.

5 Planning Applications received from Forest of Dean District Council for consideration by Newent Town Council at its meeting on 11th December 2023

5.1 Matters Requiring a Decision

P0031/24/FUL Five Acre Park 33 Ford House Road The Scarr Newent GL18 1LQ
Change of use to extend existing holiday home park to accommodate the stationing of up to an additional 37 static holiday homes

<https://publicaccess.fdean.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=S6XRHWHIGYB00>

The Committee agreed to object to this application due to the following considerations, Concerns with the connection with the main sewage system, No occupancy limits mentioned within the application for the length of maximum stay, lack of communal facilities and recreational play facilities on the site, lack of a business plan for the site, and finally what monitoring has taken place as to the residential use for the existing caravans.

P0175/24/FUL 37 Broad Street Newent Gloucestershire GL18 1AQ
Conversion and change of use of existing redundant butchers preparation area to x2 dwellings.

<https://publicaccess.fdean.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=S88J23HIH9V00>

The Committee by unanimous decision agreed no objection to this application

5.2 To note Planning Decisions received from the Forest of Dean District Council

CONSENT

P0062/24/TPO 7 The Butts Newent GL18 1SH
Cut back Beech tree covered by Tree Preservation Order number G41 (TPO 103) to previous pruning points.

P1445/23/FU Ferndene Strawberry Hill Newent GL18 1LH
Erection of steel structure. Demolition of existing workshop/ packhouse and safe removal of asbestos roofing sheets.

P1278/23/FUL Hillview Botloes Green Newent GL18 1DW
Variation of condition 2 (approved plans), 8 (vehicular access), 9 (log store) and 10 (landscaping) of P0759/13/FUL

P1707/23/TPO Newent Lake and Park Area Lakeside Newent
Trees covered by G41 TPO 54 (as indicated on the submitted sketch plan). A mixture of species including, Oak, Ash, Sycamore, Alder, Thuja, Holly, and Birch. Crown lift trees to approximately 3 metres from ground level, to allow better access for grass cutting, and to allow members of the public to walk unhindered around the park area. Also to allow easier access for casting of fishing line to prevent hung up line endangering wildlife.

P1709/23/TPO Newent Lake and Park Area Lakeside Newent
Undertake works to trees at Newent Lake covered by Tree Preservation Order number G41 TPO 54, as specified in the accompanying tree report (Treework Environmental Practice, 23/10/23).

P0118/23/DISCON Land Near Highleadon Gloucestershire
Discharge of Condition 08 (Battery Safety Management Plan) relating to planning permission P0265/22/FUL

REFUSED

P1233/23/FUL 17 The Scarr Newent GL18 1DQ
Change of use and conversion of existing piggery to dwelling.

The committee noted the planning decisions received from the Forest of Dean District Council

6. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 11th March 2024 at 7pm Room G4, Newent Community School, Newent.

The meeting closed at 7.54 pm.

Signed:.....

Dated