

Crawley Borough Council

Minutes of Planning Committee

Monday, 21 October 2019 at 7.30 pm

Councillors Present:

S Malik (Chair)

L M Ascough, A Belben, J Hart, I T Irvine, K L Jaggard, M Mwangale, J Purdy, P C Smith and G Thomas

Officers Present:

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| Louise Mathie | Senior Lawyer & Deputy Monitoring Officer, Adur & Worthing Councils |
| Mez Matthews | Democratic Services Officer |
| Jean McPherson | Group Manager (Development Management) |
| Marc Robinson | Principal Planning Officer |
| Jess Tamplin | Democratic Services Support Officer |

Absent:

Councillor T McAleney

Councillor Mwangale

The Chair welcomed Councillor Mwangale who had been recently elected as a Borough Councillor and subsequently appointed to the Planning Committee.

1. Disclosures of Interest

The following disclosures of interests were made:

| Councillor | Item and Minute | Type and Nature of Disclosure |
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| Councillor Ascough | CR/2019/0548/FUL 6 Pine Shaw, Pound Hill, Crawley (Minute 4) | Personal Interest – the Applicant was known to them. |
| Councillor A Belben | CR/2019/0548/FUL 6 Pine Shaw, Pound Hill, Crawley (Minute 4) | Disclosable Pecuniary Interest – they were the Applicant and owned the premises. |
| Councillor Jaggard | CR/2019/0548/FUL 6 Pine Shaw, Pound Hill, Crawley (Minute 4) | Personal Interest – the Applicant was known to them. |

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| Councillor Mwangale | CR/2019/0548/FUL 6 Pine Shaw, Pound Hill, Crawley (Minute 4) | In the interest of openness and transparency, they declared that they knew the Applicant but that it did not amount to a Personal Interest. |
| Councillor Purdy | CR/2019/0548/FUL 6 Pine Shaw, Pound Hill, Crawley (Minute 4) | Personal Interest – the Applicant was known to them. |
| Councillor Thomas | CR/2019/0548/FUL 6 Pine Shaw, Pound Hill, Crawley (Minute 4) | Personal Interest – the Agent (architect) was known to them. |

2. Lobbying Declarations

No lobbying declarations were made.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 September 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. Planning Application CR/2019/0548/FUL - 6 Pine Shaw, Pound Hill, Crawley

Councillor A Belben declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the item, and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion and the subsequent vote.

The Committee considered report [PES/325\(c\)](#) of the Head of Economy and Planning which proposed as follows:

Erection of single storey rear extension.

Councillors Ascough, Jaggard, Mwangale and Purdy declared they had visited the site.

The Principal Planning Officer provided a verbal summation of the application including an updated condition 4, which sought to reflect recent correspondence with the applicant and was amended to read as follows:

“No development, including site works of any description, shall take place on the site unless and until the tree protection fencing has been erected at the location shown on the tree protection plan and in accordance with the applicant’s e-mail, of 21st October 2019. Within the areas so fenced off from the site of the extension/dwelling the existing ground level shall be neither raised nor lowered and no materials, temporary buildings, plant machinery or surplus soil shall be placed or stored thereon without the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority. If any trenches for services are required in the fenced off areas they shall be excavated and backfilled by hand and any tree roots encountered with a diameter of 25 mm or more shall be left unsevered.

REASON: To ensure the retention and maintenance of trees and vegetation which is an important feature of the area in accordance with policy CH7 of the Crawley Borough Local Plan 2015 - 2030.”

The Committee noted the updated condition, and that it had not caused any other changes to the recommendation. The Committee also noted that, had the Applicant not been a Crawley Borough Council Councillor, a decision to permit would have been taken by officers under delegated powers.

RESOLVED

Permit subject to conditions set out in report PES/325(c), including the revised condition 4 as above.

5. Planning Application CR/2019/0634/FUL - 24 Clive Way, Pound Hill, Crawley

The Committee considered report [PES/325\(d\)](#) of the Head of Economy and Planning which proposed as follows:

Erection of first floor side and rear extensions (amended plans received).

Councillors A Belben and Purdy declared they had visited the site.

The Principal Planning Officer provided a verbal summation of the application and the Committee then considered the proposal.

Following a query from the Committee, the Principal Planning Officer clarified that the existing property had solar panels fitted to the roof which were identified on several of the plans submitted in relation to the application. The Committee also noted that, had the Applicant not been a Crawley Borough Council employee, a decision to permit would have been taken by officers under delegated powers.

RESOLVED

Permit subject to conditions set out in report PES/325(d).

6. Crawley Borough Council Tree Preservation Order No. 07/2019 - Trees to Rear of 8-12 Normanhurst Close, Three Bridges - 07/2019

The Group Manager (Development Management) introduced report [PES/339](#) of the Head of Economy and Planning, which outlined the representation received regarding the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) made on trees to the rear of 8-12 Normanhurst Close, Three Bridges, and sought to determine whether to confirm the permanent TPO with or without modification for continued protection, or not to confirm the TPO. It was confirmed that an inspection had been carried out on the horse chestnut tree which, although having a stem wound, was considered to be in a stable condition.

Councillors Ascough, A Belben and Jaggard declared they had visited the site.

Following a query from the Committee regarding the Leyland Cypress species of tree, Committee members heard that including these trees within the TPO was necessary to protect the cohesive group value of the trees along the road. The Committee also discussed a need to encourage green spaces in Crawley and in particular those trees lining roads which absorb noise and pollution.

RESOLVED

Confirm the Tree Preservation Order – trees to rear of 8-12 Normanhurst Close, Three Bridges, 07/2019 - without modification.

7. Section 106 Monies - Q1&Q2 2019/20

The Committee considered report [PES/337](#) of the Head of Economy and Planning.

The report summarised all the Section 106 (S106) monies received, spent and committed to project schemes in Quarters 1 and 2 of the financial year 2019/20.

RESOLVED

That the update on S106 monies received, spent and committed in Quarters 1 and 2 of the financial year 2019/20 be noted.

Closure of Meeting

With the business of the Planning Committee concluded, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.47 pm

S Malik (Chair)