

SWAY PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee was held at the Jubilee Field Pavilion, Station Road, Sway on Thursday 21 August 2014.

Present: Councillors Stephen Tarling (**Chair**), Kevin Cripps (**Vice Chair**), Peter Dance, Carole Gates and David Golby.

In attendance: Neil Gulliver (Parish Clerk), John Warden (Transport Representative) and Len Thomas (Speedwatch Representative) together with 6 members of the public.

PT110/14 Apologies

An apology was received from Kevin Langford.

PT111/14 Declarations of Interest

None.

PT112/14 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10 July 2014 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10 July 2014 were approved and signed by the Chair.

There were no matters arising.

PT113/14 Outcome of Planning Applications Considered at Previous Meetings

The Chair reported that the NPA had granted the planning applications in respect of Buckland House, Adlams Lane; Shirley Down, Shirley Holms; Sway Tower, Barrows Lane; Folds Farm, Mount Pleasant Lane; Westwards, Birchy Hill; Replacement of gas pressure reduction installation kiosk at Grid Ref SZ2898, Manchester Road, Sway. The application in respect of Claywood House, Arnewood Bridge Road, Sway had been refused. The applications in respect of 2 Dennett House, Brighton Road, Sway and Limolands Farm, Vaggs Lane, Hordle had been withdrawn.

In addition, lawful development certificates had been issued in respect of Lepe House, Flexford Lane and Hawthorns, Barrows Lane, Sway.

PT114/14 Trees

1) New Tree Preservation Orders

The Clerk reported that there were no new Orders to be considered.

2) Applications for Tree Works

Application No. TPO/14/0918 – Tulip Tree House, 1 Peppercorn, Sway

The Clerk reported that this application had arrived since the agenda for this meeting had been published.

After the Chair had pointed out that the Tree Officer had supported this application, the Committee unanimously agreed to support it.

PT115/14 New Planning Applications

App No. 14/00567 – Brambles, Middle Road, Tiptoe

Pitched roof over existing flat roof; formation of roof terrace and external staircase; roof light in existing flat roof.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 2 - Recommend refusal but would accept the decision reached by the NPA's Officers under their delegated powers.

The Committee agreed that the plot was modest in size and intensively developed and felt that further development was not appropriate to the curtilage or surroundings. The Sway VDS did not approve of flat roofs. Water drainage was extremely poor on the site and there was a lot of run off. The key issue was the overdevelopment of this small plot. There were also issues relating to light pollution and the amenity of neighbours.

App No. 14/00530 – 1 Shelley Cottages, Manchester Road, Sway

Single storey extensions.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 2 - Recommend refusal but would accept the decision reached by the NPA's Officers under their delegated powers.

The Committee felt that this site was over developed. In addition the Sway VDS suggested that an extension should not adversely affect the scale, proportion or character of the main building which this proposal did. Similarly DP1 sought to ensure "development was appropriate and sympathetic in terms of scale, appearance, form siting and layout" and the Committee had serious concerns that this application did not meet that requirement.

App No. 14/00549 – Fernlea, Westbeams Road, Sway

Replacement conservatory.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 1 - Recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the NPA's Officers under their delegated powers.

The Committee had no major issues with this application.

App No. 14/00572 – 14 Anderwood Drive, Sway

Addition of two dormer windows.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 5 - The Committee were happy to accept the decision reached by the NPA's Officers under their delegated powers.

The Committee had no major issues with this application given the eclectic mix of properties already in Anderwood Drive.

App No. 14/00600 – Glenside, Middle Road, Sway

Single storey extensions; addition of three dormer windows to facilitate first floor accommodation; terrace.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 5 - The Committee were happy to accept the decision reached by the NPA's Officers under their delegated powers.

The Committee had no major issues with this application and also noted the changes to the plan particularly with regard to the vehicular access.

App Nos. 14/00590 – Fairlight Cottage, Fairlight Lane, Tiptoe

Stable block; hardstanding.

The Chair declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application as a neighbor.

The Committee unanimously supported Option 3 - Recommend permission.

The Committee had no issues with this application.

Action: The Clerk to convey the above responses to the Planners of the New Forest National Park Authority.

PT116/14 Update on Planning Enforcement

The Clerk's report was noted. Four enforcement investigations had been dropped off the list and two added giving a current total of eleven. On the matter of the Agricultural Occupancy Conditions and Minerals and waste cases it was agreed that the Clerk should monitor changes through the year and produce a full report annually.

PT117/14 Planning Inspectorate and Enforcement Appeals

The Committee noted that the decision by the Planning Inspector in respect of the appeals relating to Heathey Lodge, Station Road, Sway was still awaited.

PT118/14 NFNPA Planning Development Control Committee

It was noted that the application in respect of Limolands Farm, Vaggs Lane, Hordle which had been due to be heard on the 19 August had been withdrawn.

PT119/14 Other Planning Issues

Parking Restrictions within Sway

In response to a question from a member of the public with regard to the ongoing incidents in Brighton Road and the more general question of residents putting parking restrictions etc outside of their property, the Chair commented that the first issue was escalating and now becoming an issue for the Police. With regard to the more general issue, it was agreed that the Clerk should discuss this problem with the County Council's officers to ascertain the legal position.

Wedding festivals

The Chair referred to the article in the Advertiser & Times about Cago Cottage in Crabbswood Lane, Tiptoe being used as a wedding venue and widespread correspondence about a festival being held at Arnewood Rise in Middle Road, Tiptoe. He pointed out that these properties were not wedding venues but the recent de-regulation of both planning rules and the scope of licensable events had permitted a far wider, longer, larger and more numerous range of such events without the need for any planning permission or a licence. The Clerk added that where required the individual booking the event was required to apply for a Temporary Event Notice.

The Chair added that the NFNPA Enforcement Officers were keeping an eye on the situation and the District Council's Environmental Health (Noise) Officers had been monitoring events and would be making recommendations in respect of future Temporary Event Notice applications.

The Arnewood Rise event was allegedly a one-off: originally planned as a two day glamping music festival for 200 people with fireworks and Chinese lanterns with music, performers and alcohol available until 4am. As with Cago Cottage, all the organisers needed was a Temporary Event Notice in order to sell alcohol. The weight of local pressure brought a promise that they would not have their planned fireworks or Chinese lanterns, a small field had been set aside to ease car-parking issues and loud music would cease at 1am.

PT120/14 Reviewing New or Amended Policies from External Bodies such as the NFNPA, NFDC, DCLG

It was noted that there were no issues to be considered under this agenda item.

PT121/14 Report by the Parish Council’s Transport Representative

John Warden reported that the CANGO service was holding its own and that new people were now using the service.

PT122/14 Roads, Hedges and Ditches

During an open session, the following issues were highlighted:-

1. Coombe Lane, Sway – The Clerk confirmed that he would check when the repairs would be carried out.
2. Station Road, Sway – Carole Gates asked that the responsible authority be asked to ensure that all the drains in the road are cleared so that they are fully serviceable. The Clerk to deal with this problem.
3. Brighton Road, Sway – Carole Gates asked that the pothole near to the junction with Mead End Road was dealt with.
4. Cottages in Station Road – The Clerk to write to the owner of Forest Forge and neighbouring property to get the hedges cut back.
5. Middle Road/Manchester Road – The Clerk to write to the owner of the property to request that the hedges are cut back as they are impeding visibility.

PT123/14 Community Speedwatch

Len Thomas reported that to date 1,092 vehicles had been recorded as travelling in excess of 35mph in 30mph areas of Sway and the Police had issued 418 letters to offending drivers.

He added that the Speedwatch would be operating again in Sway in early September.

PT124/14 Correspondence and Any Other Business

None.

PT125/14 Dates of Future Meetings

The following dates were noted:-

Thursday	18 th September 2014	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	16 th October 2014	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	20 th November 2014	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	11 th December 2014	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	22 nd January 2015	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	19 th February 2015	Jubilee Field pavilion

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

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Chair of Committee