

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF
ONGAR TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 19th March 2015 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors:	Brian Surtees (Chair)	D. Gambardella	P. Gode
	S. Jackman	A. Kaye	D. Roberts
	J. Rushton	A. Wingfield	

Officer: E. Gough (Admin Assistant)

Other: Member of press
Two members of the public

219/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Prosser.

220/14 Declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest

Cllrs Surtees and Gode declared personal non-prejudicial interests as members of Epping Forest District Council.

221/14 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

One member of the public addressed the committee with various highway issues.

222/14 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 12th February 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

223/14 Matters arising from the previous minutes

None received.

224/14 Clerk's Report

None received.

225/14 To consider current Planning applications:

RESOLVED NOT TO OBJECT to the following application:-

- i) EPF/0224/15 – Ms J Pepper, 50 High Street, Ongar
Proposed open sided rear canopy, removal of front wall and new paving to front.
- ii) EPF/0315/15 – Ms Emmalee Barry, 1 New House Farm Cottage, Stondon Road,
Erection of new two storey dwelling adjacent to No.1 New House Farm Cottage.

226/14 To note (for information) the following applications:

- i) EPF/0261/15 – Mr A Clement, Birch Coppice, Stondon Road, Ongar
Certificate of lawful development for a proposed single storey side extension.
- ii) EPF/0238/15 – Bloor Homes Eastern – Andrew Garnham, Basons Yard, High Street, Ongar
Application for approval of details reserved by condition 10 'Archaeology' of planning permission EPF/0461/13. (Redevelopment of hand car wash site including demolition of existing structures and hard standing and erection of 14 no. dwellings, including garages, parking, roadway, drainage and all ancillary works).

227/14 To note the decisions of EFDC on recent applications:

None received.

228/14 Replacement windows in Conservation Area

The Council to write to EFDC Planning Enforcement to reiterate their concerns regarding replacement windows.

229/14 Highway Issues

- The poor quality of the markings on zebra crossings at Shelley, Ongar town centre and Marden Ash were discussed and it was **AGREED** that the Council contact ECC Highways to establish when the re-painting will take place.
- It was noted that the new zebra crossing, adjacent to Great Lawn, has been installed. Clerk to contact ECC Highways to ascertain when beacons will be lit.
- The speed limit signage and associated problems on Epping Road were discussed. The Council to write formally to relevant authorities.

230/14 Parking charges

The revised parking charges were discussed and it was noted that Sunday parking would be free for two hours then a charge would be implemented.

231/14 To note The Essex County Council (EFDC)(Permitted Parking Area & Special Parking Area)(Consolidation)(Amendment No.44) Order 20 planned for Castle Street.

Noted.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Open Forum

A member of the public addressed the meeting with regard to a new development adjacent to her property which is causing her distress. The Chairman offered to carry out a site visit and discuss options available to resolve matters.

Signed:

Chair of the Planning & Environment Committee

Date: