

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
ONGAR TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015 AT 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: S. Jackman (Chair) J. Reynolds (vice chair) J. Bicknell  
P. Bolden J. Browning J. Devonald  
C. Feetham B. Freeman P. Gode  
A. Kaye D. Roberts J. Rushton  
A. Wingfield

Officers: E Gough (Admin Assistant)

Other: One member of the press  
Two members of the public

**92/15 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr N. Fletcher (family commitment)

**93/15 Declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest**

None received.

**94/15 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda**

Members of the public present did not wish to address the Council.

**95/15 To agree the minutes of the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were reviewed and agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

**96/15 Clerk's Report**

**Local Plan Workshops**

EFDC are holding three evening workshop sessions to discuss emerging draft policy considerations covering different aspects of the Local Plan. The sessions to take place in EFDC committee rooms.

The following councillors volunteered to attend the workshops:

Cllr Wingfield - 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Either Cllr Roberts or Cllr Kaye will attend the session on 19<sup>th</sup> November

Cllr Jackman - 24<sup>th</sup> November

**97/15 To consider current Planning Applications:**

**RESOLVED NOT TO OBJECT** to the following applications:–

- i) **EPF/2417/15 – Ongar Building Svcs, Land adjoining Ashton House, High St**  
Retrospective planning permission is sought for the temporary siting of three metal storage containers and Heras fencing for a period of 6 months.
- ii) **EPF/2409/15 – Mrs G Hammond, Grey End Cottage, Brentwood Road, Ongar**  
Proposed first floor side extension, first floor rear dormer window and ground floor rear extension, including internal and external alteration.
- iii) **EPF/2411/15 – Mrs G Hammond, Grey End Cottage, Brentwood Road, Ongar**  
Grade II Listed Building Consent for first floor side extension, first floor rear dormer window and ground floor rear extension, including internal and external alteration.

*(Ongar Town Council does not object to this application subject to the confirmation that the EFDC listed building officers or conservation officer is in approval of the works).*

- iv) EPF/2397/15 – Mrs D Hubbard, 17 Stanley Place**  
Single storey side extension & creation of porch.  
*(It was noted that Cllr Bolden abstained from voting as the applicant was known to him)*

**RESOLVED TO OBJECT** to the following applications:-

- i) EPF/2375/15 – Mr R Cameron, Greensted Wood Farm, Greensted Road,**  
Prior approval of proposed change of use and conversion of agricultural storage barn and curtilage to single dwelling house and curtilage.  
*(Ongar Town Council understands it is not usual for prior applications to be considered by this sector. However in this instance councillors wish to raise the following comments: It was resolved to object to the conversion of an agricultural storage barn to a single dwelling house. The Council's views on this matter were made clear when a previous planning application was made (EPF/0111/11). At that time when permission was granted for a storage barn it was accompanied by a condition to ensure the building was not converted to a habitable dwelling. If a formal planning application is forthcoming the Council will object as above. Councillors also noted that planning enforcement is pending in this case).*

It was noted that the following applications were withdrawn:-

- i) EPF/2384/15 – Mrs V Yallop, Wren House, 152 High Street, Ongar**  
Change of use from use as a dwelling house (use class C3) to use as a shop (use class A1).
- ii) EPF/2393/15 – Mrs V Yallop, Wren House, 152 High Street, Ongar**  
Grade II listed building consent for works in connection with a proposed change of use from use as a dwelling house (Use class C3) to use as a shop (Use class A1).

**98/15 To note for information only the following Planning Applications:**

None received.

**99/15 To note the decisions of EFDC on recent applications:**

None received.

**100/15 Withdrawal of Rural Bus Service**

It was **AGREED** that the Council support Kelvedon Hatch Parish Council's Chairman in his response to ECC proposals to withdraw the No.21A and No.898 bus services announced in their Local Bus Service Network Review Consultation document.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

**Signed:** **Chair of the Planning & Environment Committee**

**Date:**