

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF
ONGAR TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT:

Councillors:	B. Surtees (Chair)	P. Gode	S. Jackman
	A. Kaye	C. Knights	F. Knights
	D. Roberts	J. Rushton	A. Wingfield

Officer: E. Gough (Admin Assistant)

Press: One member of press

Other: Two members of the public

130/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs Gambardella and Prosser.

131/14 Declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interest

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

132/14 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Two members of the public attended the meeting to object to the planning application EPF2286/14 under agenda item 136/14 (i).

It was **AGREED** to bring forward agenda item 136/14 (i) in view of public interest.

- i) EPF/2286/14 – Mr J Ward, 14 Stanley Place, Ongar
Single storey rear extension.

Ongar Town Council objects to this application in view of the fall of the land and the nature of the extension as it seems likely that amenity of close neighbours may be affected and also likely that significant loss of light may occur.

133/14 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 23rd October 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chairman.

134/14 Matters arising from the previous minutes

None received.

135/14 Clerk's Report

Area Plan sub-committee East – 12 November 2014

Cllr Jackman agreed to represent the council at this meeting with regard to application EPF/2124/14 – Allotment ground to rear of 1-11 Rodney Road and 2-22 Fairfield Road, Ongar.

136/14 To consider current Planning Applications:

RESOLVED TO OBJECT to the following application:-

- ii) EPF/2491/14 – Mr J Wragg, Basons Yard, High Street, Ongar
Ongar conservation area: Fell Yew tree.

Ongar Town Council objects to this application and is concerned about the loss of a significant tree. The Council would only withdraw its objection if the EFDC Arboricultural officer judged that felling the tree was entirely necessary.

RESOLVED NOT TO OBJECT to the following application:-

- iii) EPF/2389/14 – Mr A Bennett-Fisher, 17 Queensway, Ongar
Two storey side extension providing new entrance, w/c and utility. A partial two storey rear extension providing extended kitchen and new bathroom and a single storey rear extension extending the dining room.

RESOLVED NOT TO OBJECT but comment on the following applications:-

- iv) EPF/2504/14 – Mrs McNaulty, 108 High Street, Ongar
TPO/EPF/15/90: Robina – re-prune to previous points to maintain tree.
Ongar Town Council does not object to this application subject to the approval of the EFDC Arboricultural officer.

137/14 To note (for information) the following applications:

- i) EPF/2311/14 – Mrs P Stephens, Little Folyats, Fyfield Road, Ongar
Certificate of Lawful Development for the erection of two bay car port to side of dwelling and erection of two storey rear extension.
- ii) EPF/2338/14 – J Reynolds & Son, 1A Oak House, The Elms, Ongar
Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 “External finishes materials” for application EPF/2098/03 (detached four bedroom house, construction of revised vehicle access and associated landscaping).
- iii) EPF/2349/14 – Mrs Turner, Badgers, Fyfield Road, Moreton, Ongar
Application for Approval of Details reserved by condition 7 “Phase 1 Contamination Report” for EPF/0112/14 – Change of use of existing steel framed barn to a dwelling with associated external alterations (Dwelling Use Class C3).

138/14 Revision to planning application EPF/1726/14 – Land adjacent George House, High Street, Ongar – Erection of 2 no. three bed dwellings, replacement lodge for George House.

Ongar Town Council reiterated their previous comments not to object subject to the approval of the EFDC tree and landscape officer.

139/14 Street Lighting

It was **AGREED** that the quote received from the Council’s preferred contractor to carry out a six year electrical testing programme on all Council owned street lighting columns be accepted.

140/14 Bus Shelter – Outside Bowes House

It was noted that the company instructed to provide the new bus shelter has gone into voluntary liquidation. It was **AGREED** that officers contact the Council’s solicitors or Essex Association of Local Councils immediately for advice.

141/14 To note the decisions of EFDC on recent applications:

None received.

142/14 Open Forum

No unlisted items were raised.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed:

Chair of the Planning & Environment Committee

Date: