

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF
ONGAR TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 17th JULY 2014 AT 7.15PM**

PRESENT:

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

Officers: M. Hatch (Assistant to the Clerk)

Others: D. Jackman (Press)
1 x member of public

44/14 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr D. Gambardella.

45/14 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.

46/14 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

One member of the public attended with an objection to item 50/14 (iv)

It was **AGREED** to bring forward agenda item 50/14 (iv) in view of public interest.

It was RESOLVED TO OBJECT to this application

EPF/1300/14 – Mr Mrs C Manning, 3 Coopers Mews, Ongar.

First floor extension above existing and new roof to provide 2nd floor bedroom (revised application to EPF/0305/14).

Ongar Town Council strongly objects to this application which will result in inappropriate massing and consequent detriment to the street scene. This new application does not fully address the issues raised by the recent failed application affecting neighbouring properties both in Coopers Mews and Green Walk. The property has already been extended and further enlargement is not sustainable in terms of amenity in the very restricted mews where there is difficult or inadequate vehicular access and confirmed difficulty associated with parking and access for larger trade or emergency vehicles. This development further increases habitable space and is likely to lead to an increase in the number of vehicles associated with the property. The access to the main road is difficult and exacerbated by the narrowness of the Mews. Comparison of the existing and proposed front and west elevations indicates that the current application envisages an unacceptable increase in mass inappropriate for this location. There appears not to be enough change made from the previous application and therefore Ongar Town Council strongly objects to this application.

47/14 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 26th June 2014

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

48/14 Matters arising from the previous minutes

None were received

49/14 Clerk's Report

Understanding Contaminated Land

Jayne Gravelle at EFDC has agreed to meet with councillors (maximum of 6) as from 1st September (apart from 10th and 18th) to explain the above. Clerk to liaise with regard

convenient date and time.

50/14 To consider current Planning Applications:

RESOLVED NOT TO OBJECT but comment:

- i) **EPF/1110/14 – Mr S Kerr, 1&2 Church Lane Cottages, Fyfield Road, Ongar**
Proposed two storey rear extension, replacement canopy/porch, internal alterations and erection of cart lodge/garage.
Ongar Town Council does not to object to these two linked applications subject to the approval of the EFDC Conservation Officer and the ECC Historic Buildings Consultant.
- ii) **EPF/1140/14 – Mr S Kerr, 1&2 Church Lane Cottages, Fyfield Road, Ongar**
Grade II listed building application for a proposed rear extension, replacement canopy/porch, internal alterations and erection of cart lodge/garage.
Ongar Town Council does not to object to these two linked applications subject to the approval of the EFDC Conservation Officer and the ECC Historic Buildings Consultant.
- iii) **EPF/1344/14 – Mr J Reynolds, Redcot, 3 Sandon Place, Ongar**
Proposed new bungalow.
Ongar Town Council does not object to this application but would ask that the proximity of the proposed new building be carefully considered by EFDC planning officers

RESOLVED NOT TO OBJECT

- iv) **EPF/1266/14 – Mr Mrs P Cranwell, 11 Stanley Place, Ongar**
Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of ground floor rear extension.

51/14 To note the decisions of EFDC on recent applications:

None received.

52/14 Paperless planning

Councillors were updated on the recent iPlan User Group meeting held on 29 May 2014 at EFDC.

53/14 EFDC Summary of Existing Planning Protocol/Consultation

It was agreed to defer this to the next available meeting. The Clerk to issue the 'Summary of Existing Planning Protocol' to all Councillors for consideration before attending the meeting.

54/14 Unlisted Items

None were received.

The meeting closed at 8pm

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

Date: