



## **DRAFT Minutes of the Urchfont Parish Council (UPC) Planning Meeting held in Urchfont Village Hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Present:** Councillors: Botham (MB – Chairman), Hollyman (MH), Moscrop (PM), Holt (SH), Bamber (SB), Gibb (HG), and Rotherford (JR)

**Clerk to the Council:** Lunn (BL)

**Councillor for Urchfont & Bishops Cannings:** Cllr Whitehead (PW)

**Members of the Public (for all or part of the meeting):** Mr. C McDonald, Mrs & Mrs P Vowles, Mrs L Turner, Mr. J Stevenson

Note: In the absence of the Lead of Planning (MT) due to Covid, this meeting was chaired by MH.

- 1. Apologies** - Rotherham (PR), Stevens (DS) and Turner (MT)
- 2. Declarations of Interest** – None declared at the meeting
- 3. Minutes of a meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Proposal	Proposer	Seconder	Resolution
To approve and sign the minutes without change as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	MB	SB	AGREED, with three abstention due to absence on 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb

- 4. Matters arising from Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022** – None raised

### **5. Plans for discussion**

- a. PL/2022/01074 - Listed building consent (Alt/Ext) - To extend the rear kitchen by taking the rear wall out by 2.5 metres and fitting bifold doors along the length at THE WHITE HOUSE, HIGH STREET, URCHFONT, DEVIZES, SN10 4RP**

**Site Visit** - by Councillors MB & MH on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Letters of Representation** – none received

MH stated that whilst MT had not been able to attend the site visit, as Lead of Planning MT had scrutinised the plans and had commented that the proposals did not appear detract from the overall house design. Following their site visit, MH and MB agreed with this view and added that the proposals will facilitate additional light into the house and cannot be seen from the road. MH indicated that he would support the application.

Proposal	Proposer	Seconder	Resolution
To SUPPORT this application	MH	MB	AGREED unanimously

- b. PL/2022/00645 - Listed building consent (Alt/Ext) - Removal of conservatory from rear of building and replacement door canopy at URCHFONT HOUSE, URCHFONT, SN10 4RP**

**Site Visit** - by Councillors MB & MH on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Letters of Representation** – none received

MH stated that whilst MT had not been able to attend the site visit, as Lead of Planning MT had scrutinised the plans and had commented that he believed the conservatory which obscures a window could be demolished and not replaced without affecting the listed status. MH commented that demolition return the house to its original look. SH observed that he was dismayed that listed status had been gained for this building.

Proposal	Proposer	Secunder	Resolution
To SUPPORT this application	SH	MH	AGREED unanimously

c. **PL/2022/01662 - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area - Ash (T1) - Fell to ground level as new access/gate being created in the future Walnut (T2) - Fell as poor form and low amenity value. Will give space to small stand of copper beech behind. Holly (T3) – Multi-stemmed tree. Fell to ground level Hazel (T4) - Re coppice Cherry x 2 (T5) - Single stemmed and unstable. Fell. Western red cedar x 3 (T6) - Fell as overgrown and causing excessive shade Laurel x 2 (T7) - Fell as overgrown and casing excessive shade Conifer x 2 (T8) - Fell as overgrown and causing excessive shade Ash (T9) - Fell as showing signs of ash dieback at THE COTTAGE, CHAPEL LANE, URCHFONT, DEVIZES, SN10 4QY**

**Site Visit** - by Councillors MB & MH on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Letters of Representation** – none received

MH emphasised that the applicant is asking to fell 13 trees which appeared excessive until seen on the ground during the site visit. The garden has obviously been left in an uncared state for some time prior to the applicant taking possession, it was difficult to see some trees due to the overgrown state of the garden. MB commented that remaining trees will significantly benefit from the proposed felling of this number of trees.

Proposal	Proposer	Secunder	Resolution
NO OBJECTION to this application	MH	PM	AGREED unanimously

d. **PL/2022/01677 - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area - Western Red Cedar (T1) - large tree close to road. Fell to ground level as concerns that may be damaged during high winds as T2. Western Red Cedar & Cherry (T2) - western red cedar damaged during recent storms. Fell to ground level. Cherry growing within crown of T2 and has poor form. Fell to ground level at THE ROCKERIES, BULLDOG LANE, URCHFONT, DEVIZES, SN10 4RR**

**Site Visit** - by Councillors MB & MH on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Letters of Representation** – none received

MH reiterated the proposal and commented that almost half of one of the Red Cedars was blown down onto the B3098 during recent high winds. The very tall red cedars are very close to and overhangs the B3098 and could be considered a potential hazard if not felled.

Proposal	Proposer	Secunder	Resolution
NO OBJECTION to this application	MH	SH	AGREED unanimously

## 6. Decisions received from Wiltshire Council up to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

a. **PL/2022/00331 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Sycamore tree - fell . Birch tree - remove branches over and touching power line at NEWBURY HOUSE, HIGH STREET, URCHFONT, DEVIZES, SN10 4QN - NO OBJECTION**

b. **PL/2022/00122 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Ash (T1) - fell due to signs of ash dieback at ROSE COTTAGE, HIGH STREET, URCHFONT, DEVIZES, SN10 4QN - NO OBJECTION**

c. **PL/2022/00123 - Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Group of plum/blackthorn/holly/hawthorn (T1) - reduce to 0.5m in height as currently excessively shading garden in the summer.. Apple (T2) – fell at 18 MANOR FARMYARD, URCHFONT, DEVIZES, SN10 4BA - NO OBJECTION**

7. **Matters for Report** – Nothing reported at the meeting

**Date of Next Scheduled Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 as part of the Full Council meeting.**