

IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee held in the Town Hall on Monday 22 May 2023 at 6.15pm

Present: Cllr T Rea (Chair), Cllr S Weeks, Cllr J Cole and
Cllr S Hladkij (arrived 6.39pm)

In attendance: Cllr A Spencer (Mayor)
Julie Gilbert (Assistant Town Clerk)

There was no public participation session

PL23/001 **ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRMAN:** Cllr Spencer opened the meeting by welcoming the new members to the Committee and then inviting nominations for Chairman for 2023/24. Cllr Rea advised the committee of the role of the Chairman. Cllr Rea was duly nominated and seconded for this position and it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Rea be elected to this office for the coming year.

The Mayor handed the meeting over to the newly elected Chairman, Cllr Rea.

PL23/002 **ELECTION OF NEW VICE CHAIRMAN:** The Chairman invited nominations for Vice Chairman for 2023/24. Cllr Weeks was duly nominated and seconded for this position and it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Weeks be elected to this office for the coming year.

PL23/003 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllr K Pringle and Cllr D Smith.

PL23/004 **INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED:** Cllr Hladkij declared an interest in application number 1200/23/HHO Householder application for full width balcony to rear of property with steps to garden – 157 Cleeve Drive, Ivybridge, PL21 9DB, due to the applicant being a friend of the family, and she took no part in the discussion.

PL23/005 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee meetings held on 2 May 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and were duly signed.

PL23/006 **HEDGE AND TREE MATTERS:** The following application for tree works were considered:

1259/23/TPO T1: Oak - crown reduction on NW side by 1.5m to reduce over-extended limb & T2: Lime - Crown height reduction by 3m back to previous pruning points due to tree being previously pollarded so permission is required to re-pollard following cyclic pruning – 1 Ash Grove, Ivybridge, PL21 0HX.

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/231259>

SUPPORT

1400/23/TPO T3: Western Red Cedar - Crown lift to 9m to increase light level to Vicarage. Remove lowest eastern branch extending over church hall roof to reduce the largest of the branches overhanging the church hall to reduce the significant needle drop to roof valleys & rainwater goods & T4: Sawara Cypress - Remove fallen branches/deadwood not exceeding 75mm diameter (deadwood exempt) – The Vicarage, Blachford Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0AD.

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/231400>

OBJECTION – Lesser works proposed. T3 Crown lift to 9m but removal of secondary branches only with shortening of lowest primary branch over the church hall to achieve a maximum of 2-3m clearance. T4 removal of deadwood exempt from the requirement for permission.

1438/23/TPO T1: Ash - Fell due to Ash die back, 75% foliage loss, G1: Beech - Mature Beech trees forming a hedge, reduce back to fence line on Northern boundary by 2.5m - 3m (cutting no greater than 75mm diameter, to a height of 12m) – Star Gazy House, Blachford Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0AE.

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/231438>

SUPPORT – T1 fell and replant with a suitable replacement.

OBJECTION – G1 is a line of mature trees. Propose crown lift to a maximum of 4.5m above ground level.

Cllr S Hladkij arrived at 6.39pm

PL22/007 **PLANNING:** The following planning applications were considered:

0913/23/VAR Variation of condition 4 (removal of building) of planning consent 0736/21/FUL to allow building to remain for four years – Ivybridge Community College, Harford Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0JA.

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/230913>

SUPPORT but with time limit. The committee appreciated that there is a shortage of educational space and recognised the financial constraints for students studying from home. With this in mind they were minded to support the application, however they did not wish for the time restriction to be removed indefinitely. They have the best intentions for the pupils going forward and would prefer to see them in more permanent accommodation. The committee would therefore favour a four-year extension limit, and would like to see plans developed during that period for a more permanent structure.

1391/23/ADV Advertisement consent to replace existing double-sided internally illuminated 6-sheet bus shelter advertising displays with double-sided digital displays – Bus Stop Outside Town Hall, Leonards Road, Ivybridge

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/231391>

SUPPORT

1408/23/HHO Householder application for construction of side extension forming an ensuite bathroom & utility room, removal of rear conservatory & construction of replacement rear extension/sunroom, extend existing patio area to create an accessible outdoor space direct from property, works to roof include installation of a solar photovoltaic array & patent glazing rooflight for improved daylighting within the kitchen – 107 Blachford Road, Ivybridge, PL21 0AE.

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/231408>

SUPPORT

1200/23/HHO Householder application for full width balcony to rear of property with steps to garden – 157 Cleeve Drive, Ivybridge, PL21 9DB.

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/231200>

Cllr S Hladkij declared an interest and took no part in the discussion

SUPPORT

1475/23/HHO Householder application for first floor side extension above garage – 6 Primrose Meadow, Ivybridge, PL21 9UX.

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/231475>

DEFER until the next Planning meeting in case of any representations made during that period.

The meeting closed at 7.03pm

Signed:

Date: 12 June 2023