



**Minutes of a meeting of Planning and Licensing Committee held on Wednesday,
16 October 2024**

Members present:

Ray Brassington – Chair	Patrick Coleman – Vice Chair	
Dilys Neill	Ian Watson	David Fowles
Michael Vann	Gary Selwyn	Daryl Corps
Mark Harris	Julia Judd	Andrew Maclean

Officers present:

Helen Blundell, Interim Head of Legal Services	Richard McEllistrum, Interim Development Management Manager
Andrew Brown, Business Manager Democratic Services	Kira Thompson, Election and Democratic Services Support Assistant
Ana Prelici, Governance Officer	
Martin Perks, Principal Planning Officer	

51 Apologies

There were no apologies from Members.

52 Substitute Members

There were no substitute Members.

53 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Neill stated that she was on the Mangersbury Community Land Trust and was a School Governor at Stow-on-the-Wold Primary School. She stated she did not consider this to be a prejudicial interest but that she was planning on not voting, to avoid any perception of bias.

The Legal Advisor stated that if the Councillor felt that if their interest prevented them from voting, they should leave the room and not partake in the conversation either.

Councillor Neill stated that after speaking as the ward member on the item, she would therefore leave the room to avoid any appearance of bias.

54 Minutes

There were no amendments to the minutes. These were proposed by Councillor Maclean and seconded by Councillor Selwyn.

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2024.

55 Chair's Announcements

There were no Chair's announcements.

56 Public questions

There were no public questions.

57 Member questions

There were no Member questions.

58 23/01513/FUL - Land North of Oddington Road, Stow-on-the-Wold

The proposal was for the exception site for 37 affordable homes at Land North of Oddington Road Stow-on-the-Wold Gloucestershire.

The Case Officer introduced the report, explaining that since the publication of the report, the breakdown of homes had changed, to 25 social rent and 12 shared ownership properties. The shared ownership properties would be marketed for a period of three months, before reverting to social rent if they were not purchased.

The Ward Member, Councillor Dilys Neill, addressed the Committee. Councillor Neill referenced the application's benefits, explaining that there was a local need for affordable housing in the area. She also explained that there was a decline of children numbers in the area threatening the viability of the primary school. Councillor Neill explained that the homes would be in walking distance to the primary school and accessible to the secondary school by bus.

Member questions

Before proceeding to Member questions, the Chair stated that the application had been approved, and that the application being considered was for the section 106 legal agreement.

The Case Officer confirmed that the balance of homes did not affect their recommendation.

Members asked how the three-month marketing period for the shared ownership properties would work. The Case Officer stated that the three-month period would likely be the length of time open for offers to be made. Members questioned whether potential buyers would be deterred by a marketing period that was too short. The Case Officer stated that the specifics could be negotiated between the Council's legal team and the developer and could include measures such requiring only an expression of interest at that stage. The Case Officer stated that a longer marketing period could have further indirect implications but that it was a possibility the Council's legal team could explore.

The Case Officer also confirmed that all the rental properties would be social rent. Members stated this was welcome, and that there was a need for more socially rented properties in the district.

Member Comments

Councillor Gary Selwyn proposed permitting the scheme, stating that it would benefit the local area.

Councillor David Fowles seconded the proposal.

RESOLVED: To permit, subject to completion of a S106 legal agreement covering provision of affordable housing and financial contribution to a secondary education, libraries, school transport and bus stop improvements.

59 Sites Inspection Briefing

The Interim Development Management Manager stated that no sites inspection was expected.

60 Licensing Sub-Committee

The Chair stated that no Licensing Sub-Committee was expected.

The Meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and closed at 3.00 pm

Chair

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