

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00pm ON THURSDAY 21 MAY 2020 VIA ZOOM

001/20 **PRESENT** Cllrs: Mr B Nagpal (Chairman)
 Mr J Barkham
 Mr S Clark
 Mrs J Forker-Clark
 Mrs S Patel
 Mr K Williamson

Also present: 7 Members of the public

In attendance: Mrs L Petyt-Start (Clerk)
 Mrs L Tettmar (Admin & Finance Assistant)

002/20 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Cllr Nagpal, seconded by Cllr Barkham and AGREED that Cllr Mr Williamson be elected as Vice Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee for the ensuing year.

003/20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

004/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

This agenda item was brought forward but for consistency, is shown in its original listed order

Cllr Williamson declared non-pecuniary interests in agenda item 7, EPF/0842/20 – 179 Queens Road & EPF/0932/20 – 3 Luctons Avenue

Cllr Barkham declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7, EPF/0932/20 – 3 Luctons Avenue

005/20 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 26 March 2020, circulated, were approved and the Chairman authorised to sign them.

006/20 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

This agenda item was brought forward but for consistency, is shown in its original listed order

5 members of the public spoke regarding Agenda Item 7 - EPF/0842/20 179 Queens Road objecting to the application.

007/20 **CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk noted four communications had been received objecting to ELF/0842/20 179 Queens Rd and they had been shared via email with the committee.

008/20 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
Planning List dated 7 May 2020

EPF/0849/20 TPO 30 Stag Lane Mrs Julie Rabu
Buckhurst Hill
IG9 5TD
TPO/EPF/15/98
T2: Silver Birch – Fell.
BHPC recognises the importance of trees to our environment and the unique contribution they make to the visual landscape of our neighbourhoods
The Committee therefore supports appropriate treatments designed to enhance and conserve a significant tree
The Committee objects to the felling of a tree unless it is demonstrably diseased and likely to become dangerous, or there is clear evidence that it is causing significant damage to habitable rooms in a residential property
The Committee therefore defers to the District Council's arboculturalist unless the application rests on the issue of visual amenity alone.

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EPF/0842/20 179 Queens Road Mr R Hopkins
Buckhurst Hill
IG9 5AZ
Proposed office building fronting Westbury Lane.
Strong objection
Overdevelopment of site
Out of keeping with the street scene
Detrimental impact on neighbouring properties due to the disproportionate size of the development
The building is inappropriate for the area as there is not the demand for office space, and the lack of parking will have a significant impact of increased traffic in an area that is already congested
There is no other dual storey office space in Westbury Lane. It is felt the development is designed such to be changed into residential

7 members of the public left the meeting at the conclusion of this item

Planning List dated 15 May 2020

EPF/0881/20 82 Forest Edge Mr Michael Skinner
Buckhurst Hill
IG9 5AB
Loft conversion with extended dormer and a hip to gable roof.
No objection

EPF/0932/20 3 Luctons Avenue Mr & Mrs Craig & Nicola Dennis
Buckhurst Hill
IG9 5SG
Proposed replacement of an existing house.
Objection
Concerns with the loss of a bungalow which is important within the Local Plan
The proposed development is out of keeping with neighbouring properties as it is all brick with no render
Concerns with the accuracy of the drawings which show the development to be same height of neighbouring properties, but the site is on a significant slope, the development would be far more dominant than the drawings indicate

The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes at this point so everyone present could participate in the weekly Clap for Our Carers

EPF/0946/20 CLD 22 Woodside Dr Shanti Velmurugan
Buckhurst Hill
IG9 5DR
Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed
single storey side extension.
No comment

009/20 PLANNING DECISIONS

There were no decisions on planning applications from EFDC.

010/20 ENFORCEMENT

There were no new Enforcement Cases notified from EFDC.

011/20 PLANNING ITEMS OF CONCERN

- a) Items of concern
 - i) It was noted that younger people are gathering in groups in the vicinity and are not sticking to the social distancing measures that are currently in place and would seem that they are not from the same household.
 - ii) It was reported that vehicles are still driving the wrong way down Princes Road, it was asked if perhaps number plate recognition cameras would be a solution to reporting the culprits. The Clerk is offered to make enquiries to Essex County Council for a way forward to stop this from happening.
 - iii) Thanks was given to EFDC Environmental Department for their promptness in removing green waste after a resident had to contact them as their green waste hadn't been collected for 2 weeks

- b) Items for next Agenda
There were no items for the next Agenda

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.14pm

Chairman

Date