

## **TRIMLEY ST MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of Trimley St Martin Parish Council **Planning Committee** to be held at the Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday 17 November 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Anderson, D'arville, Owen, Rastrick (Chair) and Smart

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Parker

### **2. Declarations of interest and dispensations**

There were no declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda and no requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests.

### **3. To Confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 3 August 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 August were approved

### **4. Public Session**

No members of the public were in attendance.

### **5. To decide a response to consultation on the following planning application under which the applicant seeks approval for the removal of additional trees in front of plots 40 & 41 and adjacent to High Road:**

DC/21/4862/VOC: Variation of Condition(s) 2 on planning permission DC/20/2890/ARM- (Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/16/2119/OUT - (Outline planning application for development of up to 70 dwellings, public open space and associated infrastructure with all matters reserved except access)).

Given that the majority of the trees on the High Rd boundary of the site were removed in February of this year members strongly objected to the proposed removal of the last four remaining mature trees. The following points were made:

- It was considered inconceivable that the applicant had not been aware that provision would need to be made for foul water drainage on the eastern side of the site with an associated link to a suitable connection point. There had been nothing contained in the submitted documents to explain how this need only came to be recognised at this late date.
- Paragraph 6.11 of the revised Arboricultural Impact Assessment included an outline of the difficulties which would be associated with protecting trees T8, T9 and T10 while at the same time installing a foul water run in the planned position. What was not clear was whether any consideration has been given to an alternative route for the foul water run. Careful consideration needed to be given to the possibility of an alternative route.
- In the September 2020 version of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, T7, T8 and T9 had been listed as being in good condition and T10 had been assessed as fair, the trees were not seen as encroaching on plots 40 and 41 and all had years of life ahead of them. Environmentally it made absolute sense to retain these mature trees rather than replace them with a smaller number of immature specimens.

- The revised plans included a proposal to squeeze some replacement planting onto a small patch of land away from the proposed foul water run .To make room for replacement trees on this small area it was also proposed to remove T7. To remove a healthy mature tree in order to accommodate the planting of immature stock was absurd. This could not be seen as an environmentally sound approach. It also suggested that the new trees identified for planting within the smaller area could not be expected to reach the same sort of size as the trees which were to be removed. This approach was not considered satisfactory.
- The proposals needed to be reconsidered in order to arrive at a solution which provided for the installation of the necessary foul water drainage without removing yet more trees.

## **6. Close**

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.