

PETWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC AND PLANNING COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON TUESDAY 30TH JULY 2013 IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr N Fox (Chairman) Mr B Walsh,
Mr K Lintill, Mr C Kemp, Mrs J Fynes,
Mrs C Goldthorp and Mrs E Hodgkins.

CLERK: Mrs J Huggett.

Mr Fox welcomed 7 members of the public.

1. There were no apologies. Mr D Burden did not attend.

Mr Fox welcomed Mrs Hodgkins to the committee.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th June, having been circulated and passed at the Council meeting on Thursday 18th July, it was proposed by Mrs Fynes, seconded by Mrs Goldthorp, that they be signed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- (a) Crossing in Church Street: The Clerk reported that Mrs Baker has said nothing further can be done about the crossing, but she has requested a 'slow' painting on the road and is waiting to hear back.
- (b) Angel Street and North Street: The Clerk reported Mrs Baker has said that as part of the community issue list she is meeting with Cllr Duncton in the summer to discuss this.
- (c) Footpath between Mant Road and Rosemary Gardens: The Clerk said she has once again asked when the barriers are going to be removed and the railings replaced.

5. TRAFFIC

Covered under Item 4.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr Fox updated Councillors on the following Approved and Withdrawn applications.

Applications approved by CDC/SDNP

SDNP/13/02380/LIS

Mrs Chekkie Lonsdale, Fairfield House, High Street, Petworth

Alterations to partitions on ground and second floors in addition to tanking of basement.

SDNP/13/01479/FUL

T Lee and J Quenton, Flathurst Stables, Horsham Road, Petworth

Construction of all weather menage.

Applications Withdrawn

SDNP/13/02464/HOUS

Mr & Mrs Slade, Hungers Corner Farm, Byworth

Detached greenhouse.

SDNP/13/02061/LIS and SDNP/13/02060/HOUS

Mr & Mrs P Daynes, Grinsteeds Farm, London Road, Petworth

Single storey rear extension.

New Applications

SDNP/13/02375/ADV

Mrs Elizabeth Jarmin, Sue Ryder, The Old Bakery, Golden Square, Petworth

Replacement of X1 non-illuminated fascia sign and X2 vinyl window clings.

An objection to be lodged. The white background with the bright blue sign over the main entrance is too obtrusive, is out of character and is not in keeping with the surrounding area. Councillors have no objection to the signs as such but would ask that the colour be toned down.

SDNP/13/02607/LIS

Ratcliff Hotels Ltd, Swan House, Market Square, Petworth

Internal alteration to ground floor (Units A - E) including revisions to openings and partitions (retrospective application).

Mr Fox said this application is asking for permission for indoor work that has already been carried out. There are no plans to show what was there when the building was a hotel and he took Councillors through the various alterations that have been made. These include new openings, change to toilets, a shutter, and a glass entrance lobby with a screen. A discussion followed after which it was finally agreed not to put in an objection but that the following comment be made.

Whilst Councillors have no objection in principle, they assume the Historic Buildings Officer and other appropriate persons will satisfy themselves that there has been no detrimental effect to the building. Councillors are not happy that unauthorised works have been carried out to the listed building, and would request that the Case Officer does everything in her power to prevent further unauthorised works taking place.

SDNP/13/02772/TCA

Mrs Golden, The Hermitage, East Street, Petworth

Overgrown bay and laurel at rear of church and side of house. Remove both and grind out stumps for re-planting area.

No objection

SDNP/13/02644/HOUS

The Trustees of the RM Woolcombe Trust, Stone Cottage, Byworth

Currently, and historically, foul drainage is via a drain below the public highway, discharging into a cesspool within the grounds of the opposite property. (The Old Tanneries). The proposal is to install a below-ground, non mains, foul treatment plant within the curtilage of Stone Cottage.

No objection

SDNP/13/02850/FUL and SDNP/13/02851/LIS

Fuller Smith and Turner PLC, The Star, Market Square, Petworth

Internal alterations and extension to rear courtyard.

No objection, but the Clerk to comment that it is hoped this will not take away light from the United Reformed Church.

SDNP/133/02694/TCA

Mrs Phillipa Aitken, Grove House, Grove Lane, Petworth

Pollard willow tree in rear garden of Grove Cottage, visible from the Cherry Orchard lane at the rear of the property, which overhangs the garden of Grove House.

No objection

SDNP

SDNP/13/03069/HOUS

Mr S Mein, 1 Glebe Villas, North Street, Petworth

Re-submission of 10/05155/DOM for addition of conservatory to rear of elevation.

No objection

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Arnops Leith, Angel Street: Mr Fox said a pre-application has been submitted to demolish the existing buildings and erect 3 x 2 bedroom town houses. This is for information only.

Swan House: Mr Fox said the possibility of the ground floor of Swan House becoming a Morrisons Convenience Store is not on the agenda, no planning application has been received and Councillors cannot discuss this. However they are willing to listen to anything the members of the public who are present have to say.

Lady Wolseley said she objected to a food outlet, there will be problems with deliveries, Saddlers Row is not a suitable road for large lorries to stop, this will cause traffic jams throughout the town. Mrs Smith agreed with Lady Wolseley, she lives above the ground floor, she cited the problems that will occur, traffic congestion, opening hours, rubbish bins, cleaning, big signs in the windows and, if planning is allowed, air vents and refrigeration. Lady Wolseley added that Morrisons are already advertising for a store Manager for Petworth.

Mr Fox said he understood their concerns. He produced the planning application submitted by Hargreaves Management which had been for *Change of use of ground floor from Retail (A1) to Retail (A1) and/or Financial and Professional Services (A2) and/or Restaurants and Cafes (A3) and for Drinking Establishments (A4)*. As it considered the application was too ‘open ended’ this council put in an objection and planning permission had only been granted for *Retail (A1) and/or Financial and Professional Services (A2)*

After further comments were made by members of the public they left the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.