

Henstridge Parish Council

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Draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held at the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 8th March 2010.

Present

Councillors: Mickey Vincent (Chair), Paul Brighten, Pete Crocker, Jim Fitch, Geoff Jarvis, Jean Oswick, David Nicholls, Malcolm Stobart, Adam Temperton, Paul White. Norman Symcox arrived during the meeting.

Clerk: Mrs Walker

There were 19 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies and to approve reasons for apology as seen fit.

Apologies had been received by Mr Day due to a work commitment.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the reasons for apology as listed above.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Personal interests were declared in application 10/00637/DPO by Mr Temperton, Mr White and Mr Fitch, who declared his interest to not be prejudicial. A personal and prejudicial interest was declared in the same application by Mr Jarvis. Mr Symcox declared a personal interest in application 10/00197/FUL.

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22/02/10 (Any amendments necessary to be received on the night).

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

4. To consider the following planning applications:

10/00637/ DPO	Application to vary 106 Agreement to reflect planning permissions 05/02049/FUL and 09/01845/S73	Losan Ltd. Land at Henstridge Airfield, The Marsh, Camp Road, Henstridge, Somerset
The meeting was adjourned and a number of members of the public put forward their views.		
There were no questions of the applicant who left the meeting.		
The Clerk reminded the Council of their decision on the previous application 09/03291/DPO, "The Parish Council would agree to be guided by and express support for the recommendation of the appropriate SSDC experts".		
Mr Symcox arrived and was offered the chance to declare any interest. He declared a personal interest in 10/00197/FUL.		

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Mr Fitch advised that he had attended the Area East meeting for the previous application and understood that the Planning Officer and Solicitor had encouraged the committee to approve the application as there were not adequate planning grounds to refuse, and at appeal such a decision could not be defended.

Mr Temperton reminded the Council that he had opposed the previous application but that having read the officers report and the Area East minutes he did not feel that he could do so again.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Council would agree to be guided by and express support for the recommendation of the appropriate SSDC experts.

Mr Crocker and Mr Symcox requested that their votes against the proposal be recorded.
Mr Jarvis returned to the meeting.

10/00197/ FUL	Alterations and the erection of a two storey and a single storey extension to dwelling house – Amended plans	Hillview, Shaftesbury Road, Henstridge, Templecombe BA8 0TD
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The Clerk reminded the Council of their decision on the previous plans, “That the Council should recommend approval of the plans, whilst being guided by the relevant officers comments in relation to building regulations for the conversion of the attic space for office use”. However, the Clerk advised the Council that despite the consultation deadline of 11th March, the decision for this application was actually taken on 5th March. Additionally, it has now transpired from the officer’s report that an enforcement file is open on the site due to other planning breaches.

Concerns were raised over the fact that the Council had not been allowed to give their opinion on the application and additionally that they had not been furnished with all of the pertinent information about the site prior to making their previous recommendation.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Council should write to the officer requesting clarification as to why the Council weren’t given a chance to comment on the amended plans and whether the 21 day consultation period has been adhered to if the decision has been taken prior to the consultation deadline. Furthermore the Council wished to seek clarification as to why they had not been advised of the enforcement action as they would potentially then have requested that a full application be put in for the site.

10/00763/ FUL	Raising of East boundary wall (Retrospective application) GR 372513/119587	The Cottage, High Street, Henstridge, BA8 0RF, Mr L Van Wyk
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There were no comments from members of the public present and no comments had been received prior to the meeting.

Concerns were raised that the wall restricts the visibility on entering the main road. The previous wall and hedge on the site were discussed but it was felt that these did not inhibit the view in the same way as the solid wall.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed that the Council would accept the view of the Highways authority on this application.

Mr Crocker requested that his vote against be recorded.

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5. Recent SSDC AE Decisions.

10/00197/FUL	Alterations and the erection of a two storey and a single storey extension to dwellinghouse	Hillview, Shaftesbury Road, Henstridge, Templecombe BA8 0TD	Permission granted
10/00095/FUL	Conversion of outbuilding to a dwelling and the erection of a garage.	Mr & Mrs Howard Bentley-Marchant, Barn at Elmbrook, Whitechurch Lane, Yenston, Templecombe BA8 0NG	Application withdrawn

6. Area East agenda items

There were no relevant items.

7. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications and enforcement issues.

There were no matters to report. No response had been received as yet from Mr Meyer with regard to the queries raised.

The next meeting of Henstridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be held at the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 22nd March 2010. All items for inclusion on the agenda must be received by the Clerk by 9.00am on Thursday 11th March 2010.

The meeting closed at 7.38pm.