

**REPORT of the Meeting of the Town Development**  
**Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

*Present:-* Cllr. Maggie Tyrrell (Chairman)

Cllrs. Chris Clifford  
Alan Dukes  
Clare Fardell  
Bob Griffin

Judith Payne (Town Clerk)  
Sandra Richardson (Deputy Town Clerk)

*Apologies:-* Cllrs. Gill Brooks (Out of Thornbury)  
Shirley Holloway (Other Meeting)  
Phyllida Parsloe (Out of Thornbury)

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**1. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST REPORT**

(a) Town Centre Strategy Working Group

The Chairman reported that she would be meeting George Kousorus of South Gloucestershire Council on the 12<sup>th</sup> September with a view to preparing an outline of the main Strategy document to refer back to the group for further consideration.

(b) Directional Sign to Mundy Playing Fields

The Clerk had written to South Gloucestershire Council requesting that consideration be given to installing a directional sign to the Mundy Playing Fields but had received no response. It was agreed that the request be sent to another officer at South Gloucestershire Council as members were not sure whether the original recipient of the correspondence was still in post.

(c) Night Bus Request

Cllr. Clare Fardell agreed to raise the provision of a night bus from Bristol to Thornbury with the appropriate officers at South Gloucestershire Council and she also agreed to formally request that Community Transport consider the provision of a night bus.

**2. MATTERS IN PROGRESS**

(a) Oldbury Power Station's Site Stakeholders Group

The report of the meeting of the Group held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2008, prepared by Cllr. Phyllida Parsloe, had been e-mailed prior to the meeting. Members expressed their thanks to Cllr. Phyllida Parsloe for her comprehensive report and noted the contents.

(b) Regional Spatial Strategy for the South West

Copies of the letter received from South Gloucestershire Council's Principal Planning Officer advising of the public consultation on the proposed changes to the Strategy had been circulated with the agenda together with copies of the report of the South Gloucestershire Council Meeting. The South Gloucestershire Council report had provided details of the changes and its members' comments on the proposals. The changes were considered and the following issues raised:-

- (i) From the public consultation that Council undertook it became apparent that local residents would welcome some development in the town. However, there was no indication what effect the proposal to build 32,000 new homes in South Gloucestershire would have on the infrastructure of the district as a whole and the town in particular.
- (ii) With changes in the infrastructure there was a possibility that people could be encouraged to move out to Thornbury resulting in an increase in the cost of housing in the town.
- (iii) There appeared to be no control over planning of development and very little regard for environmental issues or sustainability.

It was agreed that the matter should be referred to the next Full Council Meeting to formulate Council's formal response to the consultation.

(c) Proposed Pedestrian Crossing – Midland Way

Formal notice of South Gloucestershire Council's intention to install an uncontrolled zebra crossing across Midland Way had been received. Members had already expressed their support for the scheme during the initial consultation stage and South Gloucestershire Council's Senior Legal Officer had been advised accordingly.

(d) Planning Policy

The Clerk was asked if she could produce a document to give guidance to members on Council's policy in respect of planning applications.

(e) Planning Comments

Comments made on planning applications considered during recess by the Clerk and Chairman in accordance with Standing Orders were received, noted and detailed in the attached schedule.

**3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(Cllr. Clare Fardell advised that she would not comment or take part in any discussion on Development Control matters)

Planning applications were received and considered as detailed in the attached schedule.

**4. PLANNING DECISIONS**

Planning decisions were received and noted as detailed in the attached schedule.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

### (a) South Gloucestershire Council – Third Annual Monitoring Report 2007

The Clerk advised that the Annual Monitoring Report covering the period 2006/2007 had been received from South Gloucestershire Council's Planning, Transportation & Strategic Environment Department and a hard copy was available at the office for members' perusal. The report was also available on South Gloucestershire Council's website.

The information was noted.

### (b) South Gloucestershire Council – Housing Stragey 2008-2013

The Clerk advised that a copy of the Housing Strategy 2008-2013 had been received from South Gloucestershire Council's Community Care and Housing Department and was available at the office for members' perusal. The report was also available on South Gloucestershire Council's website.

The information was noted.

### (c) South Gloucestershire Council – Street Trading Consent

Copies of multiple applications for Street Trading Consent submitted by Thornbury Chamber of Trade for events on 13<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> December had been received from South Gloucestershire Council.

Members agreed that both events would be beneficial to the viability of the town and, therefore, supported the applications.

### (d) South Gloucestershire Council – Planning Appeals

Notification had been received that the following appeals had been made and would be decided by Written Representations:-

- PT07/2908/ADV - Lloyds Pharmacy, Horseshoe Lane – Display of 3 internally illuminated fascia panels and 1 acrylic vinyl window sign.
- PT08/1508/ADV - Aldi Stores – Display of 1 pole mounted internally illuminated sign.

Notification had also been received of a Hearing into the appeal against refusal of planning permission for the following application:-

- PT07/2661/O - Unique Gardens, Cutts Heath Road, Milbury Heath – Erection of 1 detached dwelling (outline).

The information was noted.

### (e) Action for Market Towns

- (i) Notice was received of the Annual Convention 2008 to be held in Skipton on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2008. No members were available to attend.
- (ii) Copies of the August Newsletter had been circulated, via e-mail, to members prior the meeting. The information was noted.

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P – Plans available for inspection at Town Hall

PLANNING APPLICATIONS considered on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008 (Circulated)

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>REF. NO</b> | <b>LOCATION</b>                      | <b>PROPOSAL</b>   | <b>CODE</b> | <b>COMMENT</b>                                  | <b>PLANNING DECISION</b> |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|---|--------------------------|
| 26.08.08    | PT08/2377/F    | 10 Hopkins Close                     | Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation.                             | P           | No objection                                    |                          |
| 26.08.08    | PT08/2382/ADV  | 11 The Plain                         | Display of 1 no. fascia sign.   | P           | No objection                                    |                          |
| 26.08.08    | PT08/2384/LB   | 11 The Plain                         | Display of 1 no. fascia sign.   | P           | No objection                                    |                          |
| 27.08.08    | PT08/2397/F    | Land at Cutts Heath Road, Buckover.  | Erection of detached machinery store.   | P           | No objection                                    |                          |
| 27.08.08    | PT08/2400/LB   | 26A High Street                      | Alterations to shop front to include advertising and lighting over. Internal alterations.                     | P           | No objection                                    |                          |
| 28.08.08    | PT08/2411/PNA  | Morton Farm<br>Old Gloucester Road   | Prior notification of the intention to erect 1 no. agricultural building for storage of fodder and machinery. | P           | No objection                                    |                          |
| 29.08.08    | PT08/2415/F    | Marlwood School<br>Vattingstone Lane | Erection of canopy area for shelter.  | P           | No objection                                    |                          |
| 29.08.08    | PT08/2418/TRE  | Glebe Cottage<br>Castle Street       | Works to fell 1 no. Sycamore tree (T1) covered by South Gloucestershire District Council.                     | P           | No objection, subject to compensatory planting. |                          |

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|-------------|----------------|--|--|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 02.09.08    | PT08/2452/R3F  | Gillingstool Primary School, Gillingstool. | Demolition of 3 no. existing buildings to facilitate the erection of new school building with associated works. Construction of new vehicular and pedestrian access. | P           | No objection   |                          |
| 05.09.08    | PT08/2492/F    | 17 Pullins Green                           | Alterations to roofline to include 1 no. rear dormer with balcony to facilitate loft conversion.   | P           | No objection   |                          |