

REPORT of the Meeting of the Town Development
Committee held on 8th July 2008

- Present:-* Cllr. Phyllida Parsloe (Vice-Chairman)
- Cllrs. Gill Brooks
Chris Clifford
Clare Fardell
Bob Griffin
Judith Payne (Town Clerk)
Sandra Richardson (Deputy Town Clerk)
- Apologies:-* Cllrs. Alan Dukes (Other Commitment)
Shirley Holloway (Other Meeting)
Maggie Tyrrell (Other Meeting)
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2. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST REPORT

(a) Town Centre Strategy Working Group

As there were no members present that had attended the meeting a report was not available at the present time.

(b) Choices' Empty Premises in High Street – Neglected State

As no action had been taken to improve the appearance of the empty shop, the Clerk had written again to Somerfield seeking urgent action to improve the premises shop front. A response had been received from Simon Ray, Somerfield's Property Manager, advising that he had received assurances from Nicklebys, his company's facilities manager, that the necessary works would be carried out in the near future. Mr. Ray had relayed to Nicklebys the need for this matter to be given urgent attention.

It was agreed that the situation should be monitored.

(c) SLOW Marking On Gloucester Road Outside Pitcher House

The Clerk reported that Sue Crabtree, South Gloucestershire Council, was intending to look into the matter but no further information had been received at the present time.

The information was noted.

2. MATTERS IN PROGRESS

(a) Directional Sign to Mundy Playing Fields

Cllr. Clare Fardell reported that she had received a request from a local resident that consideration be given to installing a pedestrian directional sign to the Mundy Playing Fields at the entrance to The Close. It was agreed to write to South Gloucestershire Council and request that the provision of a sign be

investigated and requesting that Town Council be consulted on the design and location of the sign if such provision be agreed.

(b) Quiet Lanes in Thornbury – Crossways Lane, Hackett Lane, Whitewall Lane & Clay Lane

Letters had been received from two residents seeking support for their endeavour to obtain 'Quiet Lane' status for the above named lanes. The residents had written to Mark Shearman, South Gloucestershire Council's Senior Engineer, submitting their request and had been advised by him of the statutory process required for obtaining 'Quiet Lane' status. Mr. Shearman had also advised that the scheme would be added to the Task Register of Highway Schemes.

It was agreed to write to South Gloucestershire Council advising that Members supported the proposal in principle but would not necessarily deem it to be top priority when considering other schemes on the Task Register. Cllr. Clare Fardell suggested that funding for the project may be available via the 'Walking to School' and 'Walking for Health' schemes.

(c) Night Bus Request – Steve Webb MP

A letter had been received from Steve Webb MP advising that he had been contacted by a local resident about the possibility of the provision of a night bus to Thornbury from Bristol on Saturday nights.

Members were advised that Council had investigated, in great depth in 2002-03, the feasibility of providing such a service and had conducted an extensive public consultation with questionnaires distributed to 6000 households. After studying the results of the consultation and discussing the matter with neighbouring parishes, it was decided not to proceed with the scheme.

Cllr. Clare Fardell agreed to raise the matter again with South Gloucestershire Council officers.

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.

Cllr. Clare Fardell reported that the Aldi application for an internally illuminated sign had been recommended for approval by South Gloucestershire Council officers and Cllrs. Neil Halsall and Maggie Tyrrell had requested that the application be called in for consideration by the Planning Committee.

4. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

5. TRAFFIC AREA LICENSING

Notification had been received of the following applications:-

- (i) Restricted Licence for D.A. Pearce of Springfield Farm, Lower Morton with authorisation for 1 vehicle and 0 trailers.
- (ii) Standard National Licence for Gist Ltd. Of Short Way with authorisation for 75 vehicles and 100 trailers.

The information was noted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) South Gloucestershire Council – Notice of Road Closure – Whitewall Lane

Notice had been received from South Gloucestershire Council's Highways Department of the proposed closure of Whitewall Lane from 12th June 2008 for twenty one days to undertake urgent wall repairs.

The information was noted.

(b) South Gloucestershire Council – Withdrawn Application

Notification had been received from that the following planning application had been withdrawn:-

PT08/0878/LB - 6 High Street – Internal alterations to include enlargement of internal door openings and alterations to lobby floor area.

The information was noted.

(c) South Gloucestershire Council – Junction Improvements – A38/B4509, Falfield

A letter received from South Gloucestershire Council advising that the Executive Member for Planning & Transport had decided to proceed with the Traffic Signal Junction scheme as proposed. The work would commence towards the end of June and was expected to be completed in three months.

The information was noted.

(d) ALCA – Planning Training Day

Members were advised that ALCA would be holding a Planning Training Day on Saturday 6th September 2008 at Brook Way Activity Centre, Bradley Stoke from 9.30am to 3.00pm. Any members wishing to attend were asked to notify the Clerk.

It was agreed that all Council members be notified of the event.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS considered on 8th July 2008 (Circulated)

DATE	REF. NO	LOCATION	PROPOSAL	CODE	COMMENT	PLANNING DECISION
13/06/08	PT08/1599/TCA	4 High Street	Works to remove 6 no. Sycamore trees, 1 No. Prunus tree and re-pollard 1 No. Horsechestnut tree within the Thornbury conservation Area.	P	No objection	
19/06/08	PT08/1660/F	10 Severn Drive	Erection of two storey side and single storey front extensions to provide additional living accommodation.	P	No objection	
20/06/08	PT08/1669/F	45 Lavender Close	Erection of rear conservatory.	P	No objection	
24/06/08	PT08/1713/F	58 High Street	Erection of rear conservatory.	P	No objection	
24/06/08	PT08/1709/LB	58 High Street	Erection of rear conservatory.	P	No objection	
24/06/08	PT08/1715/F	4 Hazel Crescent	Erection of double storey side extension and single storey side extension to form additional living accommodation.	P	No objection	

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS considered on 8th July 2008 (to be tabled)

DATE	REF. NO	LOCATION	PROPOSAL	CODE	COMMENT	PLANNING DECISION
02/07/08	PT08/1811/0	The Larches, Bristol Road	Erection of 2 no. dwellings (Outline) with scale, layout and means of access to be determined. All other matters reserved. (Resubmission of PT08/0871/0)	P	No objection	
02/07/08	PT08/1814/F	Tesco Stores Ltd Midland Way	Erection of clear glazed entrance lobby to front elevation.	P	No objection	
02/07/08	PT08/1816/F	10 Eastbury Close	Erection of 1 no. dwelling and associated works.	P	No objection	
02/07/08	PT08/1826/F	14 Medway Court	Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling with integral garage with associated works. Construction of new vehicular access.	P	No objection	
07/07/08	PT08/1862/F	2 Medway Court	Erection of single storey front extension to provide additional living accommodation.	P	No objection	