

THORNBURY TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT of the Meeting of the Planning & Town Development Committee
held on Thursday 18 November at Council Chamber, Town Hall at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Maggie Tyrrell (Chairman)
Cllr Bob Griffin
Cllr Shirley Holloway
Cllr Chris Davis
Cllr Jayne Stansfield
Cllr James Murray

Cllr Angela Symonds (non-committee member)
Cllr Clive Parkinson (non-committee member)
Cllr Guy Rawlinson (non-committee member)

Louise Powell (Town Clerk)
Hannah Cornford (Minutes)

Absent: Cllr Martin Trueman
Cllr Ashley Bijster
Cllr Eva Fielding

1. **TO RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

2. **TO RECEIVE ANY MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

3. **TO RECEIVE ANY REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The secretary of the newly formed Residents Association attended to address the Committee. He reported that the Association was now up and running. They want to see the High Street reopened and felt it was a total disaster at the moment. They were disappointed with South Gloucestershire Council and highlighted a number of figures on a handout sheet concerning the South Glos consultation.

4. **TO APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26.10.21 AND CONSIDER ANY MATTERS ARISING THAT ARE NOT CONSIDERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

The minutes were proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed. There were no matters arising.

5. **TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE LATEST PROPOSALS FOR THORNBURY HIGH STREET FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL AND CONSIDER ANY FURTHER RESPONSE REQUIRED FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Donna Whinham, the South Glos Council Regeneration Manager, and Verity Britton, South Glos Regeneration Engagement Manager, attended the meeting to present the Council's plans. They gave background on the scheme, key timelines and reasons for supporting the High Street. There would be a report tomorrow morning concerning the permanent Traffic Orders agreed 17.11.21 and also the submission of the outline business case to WECA.

General discussion and questions from Councillors and the public followed. Some key points were:

- South Glos have facilitated the return of buses to the High Street and were in conversation with the bus operators and WECA.
- South Glos wanted to encourage activity that met their green aims, such as cycling, which required changes of behaviour and shopping habits.
- There is significant public misunderstanding about what is allowed, and people stopping for legitimate reasons are being intimidated.
- No response had been received by Thornbury Town Council to the questions previously asked, which should have been provided for the Council to make further comments.
- Resurfacing and redesign of the car parks would be included as part of the changes.
- Clarifications to limits for loading and limited term waiting need to be publicised.
- Implications for the Thornbury Christmas Lights Association need to be discussed.
- The Town Council is disappointed with the way South Gloucestershire Council have handled this whole matter and is frustrated that such key decisions have been made by people who do not live or work in Thornbury.

Cllr Tyrrell thanked Donna and Verity for attending before they left, along with Cllr Rawlinson.

6. **TO CONSIDER THE SCHEDULE OF PLANNING AND LICENSING APPLICATIONS**

Applications were considered and comments made, as per the attached schedule.

(Cllr Griffin left)

7. **TO NOTE THE SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS MADE BY SOUTH GLOS COUNCIL**

The decisions were noted.

8. **TO NOTE A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – PT.7126 – CROSSWAYS LAND, THORNBURY**

The temporary road closure was noted.

9. **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR THORNBURY**

The Clerk reported that the plan was still with the examiner.

10. **TO MONITOR AND REVIEW THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMITTEE FROM THE COUNCIL'S BUSINESS PLAN**

It was timetabled for March 2022 to begin to look at section 11 of the Neighbourhood Plan – to deal with issues that residents want resolved, but don't fall under the scope of the plan. It would be beneficial to have assistance from non-Councillor members who had been involved with the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

11. **TO CONSIDER AND AGREE ANY COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

It was proposed to communicate that the Town Council had received another presentation from South Gloucestershire Council on the High Street, and the dates for the South Glos Council engagement sessions.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS considered at the meeting on 18.11.21

DATE	REF NO	LOCATION	PROPOSAL	COMMENT	PLANNING DECISION
27.10.21	P21/06847/F	1 Farmers Walk Thornbury South Gloucestershire BS35 1AU	Erection of single storey side extension to form additional living accommodation	No objection.	
27.10.21	P21/06844/F	Orchard Cottage Sibland Road Thornbury South Gloucestershire BS35 2HG	Erection of a single storey rear extensions to form additional living accommodation. Erection of 1 no. front porch. Erection of 1 no. detached garage.	No objection subject to the garage not being detrimental to the neighbours amenities.	
28.10.21	P21/06850/F	Parkmill Farm Oldbury Lane Thornbury South Gloucestershire BS35 1RD	Erection of 1no. agricultural workers dwelling and 1no detached garage, with parking and associated works.	Object- Outside the development boundary and there is no clear demonstrated need for us as an agricultural workers dwelling. The materials are also out of character and not suitable for the location.	
02.11.21	P21/06955/CLP	Chelwood Vattingstone Lane Alveston South Gloucestershire BS35 3JT	Erection of 1m high front boundary wall.	No objection subject to specialist officer agreement that the materials are appropriate for the location.	
05.11.21	P21/06760/F	Land To The North Of Jasmine House Old Gloucester Road Thornbury South Gloucestershire BS35 3UG	Erection of 1 no. agricultural building with associated works.	No objection	

09.11.21	P21/06889/F	3 Crispin Lane Thornbury South Gloucestershire BS35 2AY	Erection of a first floor side extension to form additional living accommodation	No objection	
11.11.21	P21/06953/RM	Land at Crossways Morton Thornbury South Glos	Erection of 69 no. dwelling, infrastructure, public open space, allotments and associated works, with appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale to be determined. (Approval of Reserved Matters to be read in conjunction with outline permission P19/8659/O).	Object- the layout of the housing needs to be reconsidered. On the Western edge there is a house that is 2.5 stories which is too high and will be detrimental to the view in that area. On the Eastern edge there is a 2.5 story planned next to a listed building which is also deemed inappropriate. The social housing is also distinguishable and should be considered by the urban design officer. The quality of design seems poor.	