



**Minutes of Bridgwater Town Council's Planning Committee  
Held in the Bridgwater Room, Town Hall, High Street Bridgwater  
TA6 3AS on Thursday 20 May 2021 at 10:00am**

**Present** – Committee members

Clr M Lerry – Chair

Clr B Smedley

Clr R Lilley

Clr G Burrows

Clr D Loveridge

**In Attendance:**

David Mears PSLCC – Town Clerk and Amy Storey - Office Administrator Assistant. There was one member of the public and no members of the press present.

**PL2021/40 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given  
(LGA 1972 s85 (1))**

Apologies received from Councillor Leavy and Councillor Rodrigues who had conflicting engagements.

**RESOLVED** – to accept the apologies and the reasons given.

**PL2021/41 Declarations of interest** – Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

Councillor Lilley declared a pecuniary interest of agenda item PL2021/52 as she is the premise's DPS.

**PL2021/42 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 18 March 2021**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 18 March 2021 be signed as a correct record.

**PL2021/43 Planning application number: [08/21/00053/EC](#) Proposal:**  
Erection of second floor extension to West elevation to form additional residential unit. **Location:** Pearl House, Church Street, Bridgwater, Somerset

**RESOLVED** - No objection.

**PL2021/44 Planning application number: [08/21/00055/EC](#) Proposal:** Erection of single storey rear (south) annex. **Location:** 37 Windsor Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 4HB

**RESOLVED** - No objection.

**PL2021/45 Planning application number: [08/21/00052/DT](#) Proposal:** Erection of 4no. dwellings, on site of existing buildings (to be demolished) including formation of parking area, landscaping and associated works. **Location:** Commercial Buildings & Land At, Clarks Road, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6

This item was discussed first and the applicant provided an overview of the application to the committee.

**RESOLVED** - Objection on the grounds of over-development; the site is constrained and 4 dwellings is an unacceptably high amount in this small cul-de-sac. Impact on neighbours; the front of these dwellings is close to, and overlooks, neighbouring properties and the neighbours are likely to lose a degree of privacy. Impact upon appearance of the area; whilst existing properties are of a modern design, the proposed design of the 4 dwellings is not in keeping with neighbouring properties.

**PL2021/46 Planning application number: [09/21/00017/ACN](#) Proposal:** Outline application with some matters reserved, for erection of 560 dwellings including vehicular, pedestrian and cycle access, car parking, public open space, landscaping, infrastructure and other associated works. **Location:** Folletts Farm, Dunware Lane, Bridgwater, TA6 5HH

**RESOLVED** – Objection on the grounds of over-development of the site; 560 dwellings on 21 hectares is an unacceptably high density. Lack of infrastructure; no constructive provision for amenities and services (no bus stops). Traffic generation; no traffic plan submitted, access traffic congestion - increased traffic towards Bridgwater and M5 junction. The plan shows 2 access roads emerging onto Dunwear Lane. This would easily create a 'rat run' along Dunwear Lane and into the Bridge Estate. Environmental issues; increase in air, noise and light pollution.

**PL2021/47 Planning application number: [08/21/00026/AGE](#) Proposal:** Erection of a single storey extension to the side (East) elevation, on site of the existing attached garage (to be demolished), and replacement of hipped roof to the existing single storey extension to the rear (South) elevation with a mono-pitched roof including the installation of rooflights. **Location:** 45 Durleigh Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 7HY

**RESOLVED** - no objection.

**PL2021/48 Planning application number: [08/20/00202/DD](#) Proposal:**  
Erection of 43 Flats within two blocks with associated access and parking areas, amenity space and landscaping. **Location:** Land Between Friarn Street And, Broadway, Bridgwater, Somerset

**RESOLVED** - objection due to a loss of wildlife, overdevelopment and the impact on the neighbour's privacy.

**PL2021/49 Planning application number: [08/21/00039/STP](#) Proposal:**  
Erection of a semi-detached house, on site of existing dwelling (to be demolished). **Location:** The Annexe, 42 Sunnybank Road, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 6JJ

**RESOLVED** - no objection.

**PL2021/50 Planning application number: [08/21/00047/AGE](#) Proposal:**  
Erection of single story rear (North- West) extension and new flat roof to existing rear (North- West) extension. **Location:** 12 Ashleigh Avenue, Bridgwater, Somerset, TA6 6AU

**RESOLVED** - no objection

**PL2021/51 Planning application number: [08/20/00013](#) Proposal:**  
Retrospective application for the use of property as house in multiple occupation for up to 9 people **Location:** 75 St John Street, Bridgwater, TA6 5HX

**RESOLVED** – to note the appeal. The planning committee previously objected to this planning application due to the environmental impact and the Town Council's position hasn't changed.

**PL2021/52 Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a new Premises Licence –**  
Alak Health Beauty Spa, 2-4 George Street, Bridgwater TA6 3NA

**RESOLVED** - no objection.

**PL2021/53 Licensing Act 2003 – Application for a new Premises –** Monroe's,  
8 Mountbatten House, Parkway Bridgwater, TA6 4RA

**RESOLVED** - no objection.

Meeting ended at 10:48am