

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting held under the powers contained within the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) which came in to force on 4 April 2020. The regulations enable local councils to hold remote meetings (including by video and telephone conferencing) for a specified period until May 2021. The 2020 Regulations apply to local council meetings, committee and sub-committee meetings in England.

The meeting was held remotely on Zoom Webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84482497971?pwd=Z3BSdERyYkZ4aGRVNmE2L2NnSzRkQT09>
Passcode: 383774

on Tuesday 20 October 2020 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr C Butchins (Chairman) (in the Chair)
Cllr Mrs S Parnell (Vice Chairman) (Minutes 13-18)
Cllr A Collins
Cllr P Kaza
Cllr Mrs P Strack

In attendance: 1 Member of the Public present
H R O Jones – Town Clerk

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were none.

14. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

15. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Planning Committee held on 15 September 2020 were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Member of the Public queried the development of a property in Furzehill Road.

17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A total of 36 applications received from the Borough Council were examined, on 35 of which the Committee had no specific comments to make, subject to the views of neighbours.

20/1478/HSE - 9 West View Gardens Elstree WDT 3DD

Erection of outbuilding in rear garden (part retrospective)

Observation: At its meeting on 20 October 2020 the Environment and Planning Committee raised concerns that retrospective applications were outside the 'spirit' of planning legislation.

[Post Meeting Note: At the time of comment submission, no facility was available to provide online consultee comments. Comments were emailed to the Planning Department].

18. PLANNING DECISIONS

Details were received of decisions by the Borough Council relating to applications on which the Committee had submitted comments.

19. CHANGES TO PLANNING SYSTEM CONSULTATION

Members noted and concurred with the comments of the Committee Chairman in relation to the NALC (PR 10-20) Changes to the current planning system response to MHCLG consultation.

In particular, the Committee felt that affordable housing should be protected in the future in order to allow families to remain living in the same town or area.

It was noted that the Town Clerk would share the Council's views with both NALC and Central Government.

20. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was noted that in September 2020, the Committee Chairman had been tasked with preparing an initial report on options for developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Elstree and Borehamwood to be considered at the Committee meeting on 20 October 2020.

It was noted that the report would be submitted to a subsequent meeting and the Chairman called for Committee Members to put their initial thoughts to him by email.

21. BAND STAND PROJECT

It was noted that the Town Clerk was in the process of preparing a planning application to be submitted to Hertsmere Borough Council for the permanent Band Stand in Meadow Park.

22. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Members would be notified of the next meeting date by the Town Clerk.

Date:.....

CHAIRMAN.....