

# Sawbridgeworth Town Council

The **Minutes** of the **Town Council's Planning Committee Meeting**  
held at 09:35 pm on Monday 30 July 2012  
at 49-51 Bell Street, Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire

## Present

Councillor A Wincott (Chairman)  
Councillor A Alder  
Councillor P Coysten  
Councillor D Filler  
Councillor B Hodges  
Councillor W Mortimer

Mrs G E Abbott (Admin. Officer)  
Mr R G Bowran (Town Clerk)

- P 12/34** To record Apologies and Absences None.
- P 12/35** Public Forum - Members of the Public are given the opportunity to comment on forthcoming Planning Applications See page 172.
- P 12/36** Declarations of Interest Councillor Barry Hodges declared a personal interest in planning application 3/12/0862/FP/FM.
- P 12/37** To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 09 July 2012 pages 167-168. **RESOLVED** – to confirm as a true record.
- P 12/38** **FINAL RESTORATION OF POLE HOLE QUARRY**  
To note proposed scheme for the final restoration of Pole Hole Quarry involving the temporary retention of the inert waste recycling plant and associated infrastructure in association with the final restoration at Pole Hole Quarry, Eastwick Road, Gilston, Harlow, Herts CM20 2RN **NOTED** – the proposed scheme for the final restoration of Pole Hole Quarry involving the temporary retention of the inert waste recycling plant and associated infrastructure.
- P 12/39** To receive planning applications from East Hertfordshire Council. **RESOLVED** – to make the following comments on the under mentioned applications.
- 3/12/0821/FP/AY: 10/07/12**  
**Plots 11-15 Esbies Estate, Station Road**  
The use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for 3 no. gypsy pitches together with utility/dayrooms ancillary to that use – Mr Percy Smith
- The Town Council **OBJECTS.** The Committee feels the site lies within the Metropolitan Green Belt where permission will not be given except in very special circumstances. Referring to Policy **GBC1** of the Revised Adopted Plan April 2007 no such special circumstances are apparent and Policy **HSG10 (III)** Accommodation for Gypsies.

**3/12/0862/FP/FM: 12/07/12**

**Leventhorpe School, Cambridge Road**

Internal alterations to convert existing gymnasium into new learning resource centre with additional mezzanine accommodation. Associated new plant located at roof level. Widening to existing internal corridor to provide break out space. 7 No. flat modular roof lights positioned over foyer and corridor spaces – Leventhorpe School

The Town Council has **NO OBJECTION**.

**3/12/1059/FP/FM: 19/07/12**

**The Bungalow, Spellbrook**

Side and rear extensions –Ms Gloria Romei

The Town Council has **NO OBJECTION**.

**3/12/1083/FP/MP: 10/07/12**

**Land at Chaseways**

Change of land for dog walking and associated field shelter – Ms Sylvia Ashley

The Town Council has **NO OBJECTION**. The Committee feels there is no planning reason to refuse this application, however they would ask the Case Officer to note the following concerns:

- Health and safety issues such as amenities for dog handlers (toilet facilities)
- Escaping dogs have been reported by local residents
- Defecated dog waste being collected and disposed of appropriately
- The blocking of the bridleway, which runs alongside the proposed site, by parked vans being used to transport the dogs to and from the site

**3/12/1109/FP/AK: 13/07/12**

**29 The Orchards**

Two storey side extension – Mr Ian Mathews

The Town Council **OBJECTS**. The Committee feels that the revised plans have not improved the overbearing impact on the neighbouring property, the loss of light to a habitable room or made the outlook from this habitable room acceptable. The plans are therefore contrary to the Revised Adopted Plan April 2007 policies **ENV1 (l) (d)** Design and Environmental Quality, **ENV5** Extensions to Dwellings and **ENV6** Extension to Dwellings – Criteria.

**3/12/1130/FP/MP: 19/07/12**

**Former Biss Vehicles Old Site, London Road, Spellbrook**

Erection of 1 no. three bedroom dwelling and garage – Mr & Mrs Smeeth

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**P 12/40** To receive any late Planning Applications received following the publication of this Agenda.

None received.

**P 12/41** To note Planning Decisions received from East Hertfordshire Council. **NOTED:** the report on planning application decisions now received.

**3/12/0673/FP**

**Shangrila, 12 Beech Drive**

Replacement single storey rear extension, alterations to roof to form first floor level with 2no dormer windows to rear elevation and the creation of a new double garage to the side elevation **Granted (No Objection)**

**3/12/0783/FP**

**27 Elmwood**

Conversion of existing integral garage to a habitable room and replacement of existing window with a door in flank elevation **Granted (No Objection)**

**3/12/0822/FP**

**Penrhyn, London Road, Spellbrook**

Two storey side extensions, first floor front and rear extensions with balconies and front colonnade. Demolition of existing garage **Refused (Object)**

**3/12/0832/FP**

**14 Sayesbury Road**

Single storey extension to side of existing rear addition **Granted (No Objection)**

**3/12/0850/FP**

**3 Elmwood**

Replacement porch **Refused (No Objection)**

**3/12/0874/FP**

**50 London Road**

Replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signage **Granted (No Objection)**

**3/12/0891/FP**

**18 White Post Field**

Single storey side/rear extension **Granted (No Objection)**

**P 12/42 PLANNING APPEALS**

To receive notification and decisions from E.H.C. of Planning Appeal(s)

**3/12/0488/FP**

**11 Church Walk**

First floor extension over garage

This appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations.

The Meeting closed at 10.15 pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
**PRIOR TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 30 JULY 2012**

**Re: Agenda Item No. P 12/39 – PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM EHC**

**3/12/1109/FP/AK: 13/07/12**

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**Mr & Mrs Norman – *STRONGLY OBJECTS*** to the above proposal. They feel that the proposal:

- does not respect the amenity of 28 The Orchards and causes harm by inadequate daylight/sunlight and by overshadowing
- significantly affects to the detriment of the character, appearance and amenities of the neighbouring dwelling
- will be on the amenities of the middle bedroom on the first floor which will reduce the amount of light coming through the window and adversely affect the outlook from this window by obscuring the current open views presenting a solid brick wall 2 metres from the glass