**Planning and Highways Committee**

**Tuesday 25 February 2025**

**10.30am – 12.30pm**

**Town Council Chamber**

**Minutes**

**Present: Cllrs M Cox (Chair), S Cox, J Templeton, M Beard, R Drury, C Elsmore**

Laura-Jade Schroeder – Town Clerk (Minute taking)

1. **There were no apologies**
2. **There were no interests declared on the agenda**
3. **There were no new dispensation requests**
4. **To approve the minutes of the Highways and Planning Committee** **11 February 2025**

Cllr C Elsmore proposed the minutes as being correct. Cllr J Templeton seconded.

Cllr M Cox signed a copy of the minutes from 11th February, as a true and accurate account.

1. **To raise matters from the minutes of 11 February 2025**

No response from residents re: Boxbush Rd

Tufthorn Leap – Cllr J Templeton updated that the fencing is there and ready to go. The play area is open.

Broadwell crossroads is on Full Council tonight.

Speedwatch – no road safety liaison meeting yet. Will need more people to do this.

Report from Forest area says we don’t do enough on Speedwatch.

Office to circulate the report.

UWE report has been received by Cllr M Cox

Suntory is still under consideration.

1. **There were no members of public present**

**HIGHWAYS**

1. **To update re: VAS installation**

VAS system is now sorted and rotating around 3 locations. Contractor has been thanked.

1. **To note relevance of Community Regeneration Plan to Highways (see Full Council).**

Noted.

1. **To consider Speedwatch schedule and book machine**.

Office to circulate the report.

**PLANNING**

1. **To consider the following applications:**

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| **Reference** | **Address** | **Proposal** |
| **P0163/25/FUL** | 36 Coombs Road Coleford Gloucestershire GL16 8AY | Erection of a two storey front extension and porch with associated works. |
| No objection subject to:  Depending upon number of bedrooms in the house, check distance for the correct number of parking spaces at the front, post-development. | | |
| **P0154/25/LD2** | Rushmere Farm, Campsite Road From The Bungalow To Junction With A4136 Crossways Coleford Gloucestershire GL16 8QP | Application under Section 192 to establish whether the use of land for the siting of an unrestricted number of static caravans (within the legal definition of a caravan) for an unrestricted residential purpose all year round and the siting of an unrestricted number of tents for an unrestricted residential purpose all year round together with the siting of an unrestricted number of touring caravans with no individual touring caravan being sited on the site for longer than 4 weeks (as required by condition 03 of planning permission P1042/12/FUL) requires planning permission |
| We defer to the expertise of the Planning Authority, although we have general concerns around the unrestricted purposes and all year round references. The importance of infrastructure to support services is underlined. | | |
| **P0123/25/FUL** | Vacant Site Newland Street Coleford Gloucestershire GL16 8AN | Erection of two dwellings with associated landscaping and works. |
| We support, subject to mitigation:  Condition to access for Carragh flats at all levels  Sound engineering in terms of drainage from rear of property down the slope  Agreement with the drainage officer re: flood assessment and effective strategy  Agreement with the two authorities that storm water goes into the culvert at an appropriate speed and not into the sewer. Otherwise SUDs will need to be employed.  We note the empathetic design for the conservation area. | | |

1. **To note recent planning decisions and comment as necessary**
   1. phase 2 Tufthorn P1282/23/FUL extension of time to 28/2/25 for delegation
   2. Recent planning decisions:

Extend gable end of existing annexe by 2 metres to enable part conversion to garage

Glebe Lodge Parkend Walk Coalway Coleford Gloucestershire GL16 7JS

Ref. No: P1501/24/FUL | Received: Tue 10 Dec 2024 | Validated: Thu 19 Dec 2024 | Status: Consent

Erection of a 1.5 storey timber framed barn style garage with holiday let accommodation and associated works. Demolition of existing garage. (revised scheme following P0531/23/FUL)

Show more description

Foxglove Cottage Whitecliff Coleford Gloucestershire GL16 8NB

Ref. No: P1400/23/FUL | Received: Thu 19 Oct 2023 | Validated: Fri 20 Oct 2023 | Status: Withdrawn

1. **To consider any further aspects for FC discussion re FoDDC Local Plan**
   1. Update cemetery – no update. FoDDC have put up cemetery charges – need to review ours.
   2. BNG units and training – nothing received from FoDDC
   3. Active travel strategy – update at Full Council tonight.
   4. update section 106 – ABVCRG can have £50k. They are hoping contractors will start in the next 2 weeks.

Local Plan - Timetable has gone through at FoDDC. It has a tight schedule and will finish in 2027. CAP meeting – FoDDC officers will update whether or not the District council is looking at a new settlement in the Forest of Dean.

1. **To meet LUC consultants re Conservation Area project with FoDDC**

Consultants will meet us on 11th March. We could move our Planning Meeting and do 9:30am – ask Anna Welsh.

1. **To consider CNDP Review and make recommendations as necessary**
   1. Update re grant – we were successful in the grant bid. However, we don’t have as much in the precept. Grant will not allow to pay for admin help.
   2. Steering Group/ Theme Groups – Cllr M Cox has met with Barbara Pond to go through things needed for Main Place meeting on 13th March. Please attend. Existing vision still applies, but need a climate change interpretation.
   3. Meeting 13 March 6.30pm at Main Place
   4. GRCC work /meeting – newsletter going out directing to the CNDP Review page on website. Additional meeting in Town Council chamber. Barbara will complete item by item collation of everything that is said. Also want key messages summary. 2 theme group sessions at the Main Place are also allowed within the grant budget.
   5. Housing allocations – will be discussed on 27th meeting.
2. **To update tracker and consider specific actions/recommendations**
3. Update re Tufthorn Ave above

Already discussed.

1. Large sites:
   1. Poolway and roundabout – nothing new
   2. St Johns Church – nothing new
   3. North Rd – nothing new
2. **To report back on:**

* Community Regen Plan – see full council March 5th meeting with businesses
* UWE- report presentation update – having IT problems, will try again later.

**Meeting end: 12:10pm.**