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Minutes of the virtual meeting of Planning Committee of Yeovil Town Council held on Monday, 14 September 2020 at 7.00pm held by video-conferencing using Zoom meeting software

Present: Cllrs R Stickland (Chairman), O Darling-Finan, J Dash, K Gill, D Gubbins, G Hunting, K Hussain, T Ledlie, S Lowery, E Potts-Jones, A Richards, R Spinner & H Stonier.

In Attendance: A Card (Town Clerk), H Ferdinand (Deputy Town Clerk)

3 members of the public were present.

1 member of the press was present.

7.05pm – Meeting commenced.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman Cllr R Stickland, took the Chair for the meeting.

10/112. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Lock (conflicting engagement); J Lowery (personal); G Oakes; and W Read (work commitment).

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

10/113. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Kaysar Hussain, Karl Gill, David Gubbins, Mike Lock, Graham Oakes, Rob Stickland and Wes Read are members of South Somerset District Council and whilst they might speak and possibly vote on applications which might be referred to that Council for determination, they would reconsider such applications at District level taking into account all relevant evidence and representations made at that tier.

10/114. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 August 2020.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 August 2020 be signed as a correct record at the next appropriate opportunity.

10/115. PLANS LIST (see Table below)

At 7.07pm Cllr K Hussain joined the meeting.

10/115. PLANS LIST

	APPLICANT NO. Parish Ward	Applicant	Site Address	Proposal	Resolutions
1	20/01834/FUL Yeovil Westland	Acorn Developments (SW) Limited	Grimsby Corner Reckleford Yeovil BA20 1JH	Demolition of existing shop units and garages, change of use of land to residential and erection of 48 No. unit apartment building.	Approve, subject to the satisfaction of the highways authority and waste management.
<p>Mark Thomas of Acorn Developments, applicant and developer, addressed the Committee explaining the current proposals which follow from other developments of theirs for housing in the area, eg. the Old Creamery and the former Western Gazette building. He said the existing building was in a poor state of repair and the first floor flats could not be let because the building did not meet legal requirements. Pre-app advice had been sought and amendments made to the scheme. The development of the scheme would provide significant financial support for public realm improvements in the area as part of Yeovil Refresh. Limited on-site parking is proposed, but the Co-Cars electric car scheme established with the previous developments in the area would be available to the occupiers of the development. Other public parking is available in the area.</p> <p>Members discussed the scheme generally supporting it, but a few concerns were raised such as the limited parking provision, the height of the building, the loss of the existing buildings, and the management of waste.</p> <p><i>At 7.25pm 3 members of the public left the meeting.</i></p>					
2	20/02030/FUL Yeovil Lyde	Wireless Infrastructure Group	Telecommunications Base Station Lyde Lane Yeovil Somerset	Removal of 3 existing antennas and replacement 3 new antennas on existing steelwork and installation of new GPS antenna. The installation of new Remote Radio Units and ancillary equipment to mast, installation of new cabinet, and ancillary development thereto.	Approve, subject to any concerns raised by environmental health.

	APPLICANT NO. Parish Ward	Applicant	Site Address	Proposal	Resolutions
3	20/02262/HOU Yeovil Westland	Mrs Wendy Stevens	17 Holly Tree Walk Yeovil Somerset BA20 2NT	Erection of a single storey extension to side of dwelling	Approve, subject to the satisfaction of the tree officer.
4	20/02200/HOU Yeovil Summerlands	Mr & Mrs Oliver	22 Cedar Grove Yeovil Somerset BA21 3JR	The erection of single-storey rear extension to dwelling.	Approve

10/116. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

	APPLICANT NO. Parish Ward	Applicant	Site Address	Proposal	Resolutions
1	20/02259/TPO Yeovil College	Mr John Wallis	86 College Green Yeovil Somerset BA21 4JU	Application to carry out Tree Works to No 1 Tree (T16) as shown with the South Somerset District Council (YEOV 1) 1993 Tree Preservation Order	Noted

10/117. NOMINATION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON POLICY, RESOURCES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr R Stickland nominated, and Cllr H Stonier seconded, Cllr R Spinner. Cllr T Ledlie nominated himself, and Cllr E Potts-Jones seconded the nomination. Cllr R Spinner received 7 votes, and Cllr T Ledlie 3 votes.

10/118. CORRESPONDENCE

The Deputy Town Clerk had previously circulated to all Members documentation from South Somerset District Council and the National Association of Local Councils relating to the Government's proposed 'Changes to the Current Planning System' and 'Planning for the Future White Paper'. It was agreed that South Somerset District Council, as the Local Planning Authority, was best placed to address any concerns raised in the consultation papers. Nevertheless, Members were encouraged to read the documentation and if they had any comments or questions to email the Town Clerk by Friday, 18 September so that a co-ordinated response could be made from the Town Council directly to Central Government.

10/119. PLANNING DECISIONS

Members considered the planning decisions as per the agenda.

RESOLVED: that the decisions be noted.

The meeting closed at 7.37pm.

Signed:

Date: