

26. Correspondence

a) WWDC: Planning Decisions

The following decisions had been received:

Demolition of garage and erection of dwelling house including formation of two parking spaces - Land rear of 59 Addison Road - **Refusal**

3 illuminated fascia signs, 1 illuminated hanging sign and 1 non illuminated car park sign 2 Blackmore Road - **Consent**

b) WWDC: Re Invitation to Development Control Seminar.

The Clerk reported that the above had been received inviting representatives of this council to one of two seminars being held to present proposals for the operation of the Development Control Service under the new Wiltshire Unitary Council which comes into being on 1 April. The two seminars were being held in Warminster on 3 March and Trowbridge on 11 March both starting at 6pm.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Bridgford Whittick, Cardy and Oakman be put forward to attend on Wednesday 11 March.

At this stage Councillor Rod Eaton gave details, he had received, of how planning applications were to be considered in the period between 1 April and the election of new councillors in June. The only people who would be able to call applications in would be the current County Councillors

c) WWDC Re Planning Application 07/00598 Conversion of existing dwelling to two flats with extension to form a further two flats 37 Littlejohn Avenue.

A letter had been received in response to four concerns raised by this committee. Councillors felt that the explanations in respect of three of the points were satisfactory but expressed surprise at the comment made in respect of Front Car Parking.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk replies accordingly.

d) ASDA Application.

The Chairman allowed Councillor Rod Eaton to update the committee on information he had received earlier in the day regarding the above.

Councillor Eaton reminded councillors that the Planning Committee at WWDC had agreed to consider this matter again on Thursday 19 February and that an agenda had been issued stating that the report would follow.

It now appears that for legal reasons the delay in releasing the report means that the item will have to be deferred until 26 February.

Councillors were shocked at this announcement and felt that a strong letter should be sent to the Chairman of Planning with a copy to the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development expressing this council's concern at this further delay which could result in Asda losing patience.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk takes the necessary action.

27. Payments for Approval

RESOLVED: Payments were approved.

28. Planning Applications.

- The Town Council had **no objection** to the following planning applications:

09/00207: Raise the height of fireplace opening in kitchen. 18 Spa Road, Melksham (Listed Building) – applicant Mr and Mrs Gibbens

RESOLVED: Although Councillors raised no objection to this application they would hope that the views of the Conservation Officer are sought.

09/00264: Single storey extension. 3 Cobblers Mews. 16A Union Street, Melksham (Full Plan) – applicant Mr Steve Flippance

- The Town Council **objected** to the following planning applications:

09/00288: Two storey extension to side of property. 48 Churchill Avenue, Melksham (Full Plan) – applicant Mr John Geddes

RESOLVED: Councillors objected to the above application because they felt that the proposal upsets the symmetry of the existing building.

08/00211: Variation of condition 15 of planning permission 95/01126/Ful in order to allow deliveries to take place up until 1am (Mon to Sat). Sainsbury Store, Bath Road, Melksham (Revised Plans)

RESOLVED: The Town Council's previous objection still stand regarding this application ie:

Nuisance to Neighbours from noise, policy C38 applies.

In reaching this decision councillors recognised that whilst the Town Council previously did not object to the temporary extension to delivery times to allow stock to be readily available, the extension does not seem to have improved the stock situation.

Local residents are not happy with the constant noise from delivery lorries and this situation is likely to worsen when the development planned adjacent to this site of 16 dwellings is completed.

A precedent has been set with Aldi who have recently had their extension in delivery hours refused.