

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of CONSULTATION AND HIGHWAYS
WORKING GROUP**

Tuesday, 4th January 2022, at 7.30pm
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Present

Cllrs Camilla Hale (Chair), Geoffrey Andrews, Tony Davey, Mick Fealty, Adrian Oldman and Stella Parkes.

Absent

Cllr Steven Naumann

In attendance

Cllr Rachel Smith and Sheral Gardner (Assistant Clerk).

1. Apologies

No apologies received.

2. Declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Consultations and Highways meeting of 22nd November 2021 were noted by the members present and will be approved by the Consultations and Highways Working Group when they are next able to meet.

4. Questions from members of the public

There were no questions.

5. Assistant Clerk's report

The Committee discussed the GCC Parking Review. As a working group members wished to reiterate to the Clerk that they are expecting the informal survey to have further consultation for the town centre and would like clarification on the process for the residential streets. This should be publicised in the Council newsletter, website, facebook and include how STC is involved.

6. Planning applications

It was **agreed** to recommend to the Clerk the responses shown in the attached appendix.

The committee discussed the creation of a statement about the replacement of mature trees when felled. The Chair agreed to research and report back at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to advise SDC.

7. Planning decisions

These were noted.

8. Budget

The draft budget for 2022/23 was presented and **approved** by members.

9. Public Rights of Way

The Committee considered writing to the MP for Stroud asking for support for calls for the “cut-off date” for the registration of public rights of way set in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (2000) to be abandoned or for the deadline to be deferred.

It was **agreed** to support the proposal and to give delegated powers to the Clerk to write to the MP in consultation with the Chair.

It was also **agreed** to ask the Clerk to talk to GAPTC to ask other parish and town council’s to write a letter of support to their MP’s.

Action: Clerk to write to MP to support request to abandon or defer the deadline for the registration of public rights of way and to talk to GAPTC to ask other parish and town council’s to write to their MP’s.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chair

Date

Item 6 APPLICATIONS 4th January 2021

Planning Application No.	Location	Details	Ward/notes
S.21/2602/FUL	Land At Stafford Mill, London Road, Thrupp	Erection of industrial building	Support – In principle we suggest having good work space in the valleys is really important and we would want to support this application. However, the parking allocation seems a bit low and we ask that the applicant clarifies if they feel 3 spaces is sufficient.
S.21/2825/FUL	137A Summer Street	Demolition of agricultural barn and erection of passivhaus dwelling	Support – We are pleased to see a good quality passivhaus and would like to see more in the valleys
S.21/2889/HHOLD	99 Slad Road	Erection of garden studio	Comment - No objection, but we request the issue of installing a wood burning stove is looked into.
S.21/2961/TCA	Wallbridge Pumping Station, Bath Road	Removal of T66 -T68, T41-T45, T79, T81-T89, G11.1 - G11.3, G12.1- G12.9, U1 - U12 & U13	Comment - What remedial work has been negotiated with SDC for replacing trees? We are concerned the Stroud Valleys are losing a large amount of mature tree cover that make the valleys what they are. There has been an expectation they will be replenished with new planting that are maintained, but it is also essential to plant large semi mature trees, in the vicinity of those lost, as well. The canal is also a wildlife corridor, so the proposal will not only disturb the trees but all the wildlife that depend on them.
S.21/2957/TPO	Land At Abercairn, Belle Vue Road	T1 Sycamore - Fell due to infection by common root decay organism (Perenniporia fraxinea).	Comment – This is a substantial tree on the skyline, so needs to be replaced by a substantial semi mature tree and should be maintained and managed as necessary.
S.21/2511/CPL	10 Belmont Road	Convert an existing cellar into a habitable room	No observations
S.21/3011/TPO	Oakbrook Farm, Wick Street	T1 Beech - Removal of dead wood. T2 English Oak - Reduction by 2m-3m. Remove dead wood & fell a number of Ash trees around it. T3 English Oak - Remove upper 3m of the tree & reduce main branches by around 1.5m. Remove deadwood. T4 English Oak - Reduce main branches by around 1.5m & remove	No observations
S.21/2711/VAR	West End Plot At 73, Cainscross Road	Variation of condition 2 (plans) on permitted application S.19/1489/VAR- amendment to entrance	No observations
S.21/2743/FUL	Land Adjacent To Coach House, Frome Hall Lane	Erection of a dwellinghouse (resubmission of S.20/2059/FUL).	No observations
S.21/2933/TCA	Cedar Lodge, Frome Hall Lane	T1 Sycamore - Reduce height from 45ft to 30ft and crown width of approximately 30ft to 20ft.	No observations
S.21/2905/HHOLD	12 Castle Rise	Alterations to windows, garage doors and balustrading and conversion of garage	No observations