

RESOURCES / PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**MONDAY, 24th NOVEMBER 2014**

Present: Cllr P. Allen (Chairman), Cllr M. Caseman-Jones, Cllr N. Holder, Cllr M. Johns,
Cllr A. Maycock, Cllr J. Lynch, Cllr J. Wilby

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr D. Bain, Cllr G. Caseman-Jones, Cllr J. Hart, Cllr C. Lofts, Cllr D. Tarburn

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr N. Holder declared an interest in Item 8a. (cheque number 010731). Cllr Holder signed the Declarations on Interest Register accordingly.

3. **Open to the Public**

No members of the public were present.

4. **PLANNING**a) **Decisions**

Permission for Development granted in respect of:-

S/2014/1777/FUL 45 Highfields, Towcester
First floor side extension

b) **Amendments**

No amended applications had been received.

c) **Applications**

S/2014/2070/FUL Spar Stores, 23 Brackley Road, Towcester
Change of use to the ground floor retail unit fro (A1) Shop to a combined (A1) Shop and (A5) Hot Food Takeaway.
The committee had previously objected to the application on the grounds of lack of parking and the environmental impact of increased problems with litter. The committee agreed to re-iterate its objections to the application.

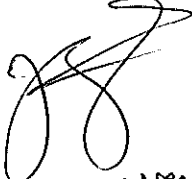
S/2014/2058/FUL 7 Jenkinson Road, Towcester
Part single storey and part two storey extension to front and side.
No objections

S/2014/2121/MAF Land off Northampton Road, Towcester
Proposed 170 space car park and associated access, landscaping and footpath connections. To be constructed in two phases (phase 1 to comprise 60 car parking spaces and phase 2 to comprise 110 car parking spaces)
The committee discussed the application at length. Cllr Holder raised a number of objections which were duly noted.

Proposal

Cllr Lynch proposed that the committee supports the application; seconded by Cllr M. Caseman-Jones, 5 votes in favour, 1 objection; 1 abstention; the proposal was carried

The committee agreed to raise concerns with respect to the accessibility for disabled persons and the alignment of the footpath


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**That careful consideration is given to the screening proposals to mitigate the visual impact of the car park
The lack of information concerning with respect to lighting proposals was noted**

S/2014/2025/MAF Towcester Racecourse, London Road, Towcester
The Clerk referred to the committee's request at its meeting on 10th November for further information regarding the traffic management proposals and projected footfall. This information was subsequently circulated.
No objections

5. S/2007/0374/OUTWNS
Land at Towcester Vale, Towcester
Report back from South Northants Council Development Control Meeting on 20th November

Cllr Johns reported that a new deadline has been set to complete the S106 negotiations for the Southern Extension. There is a risk that, should the new deadline not be met by the developer, the plans will need to be re-submitted.

6. Belle Baulk S106 Fund
Report back from the meeting with South Northants Council on 12th November 2014

Discussions on this item are reported under Closed Session.

7. New Homes Bonus
Application for funding from Towcester Food Bank

Cllr Johns reported that Towcester Foodbank has made an application for funding to the Voluntary & Community element of the New Homes Bonus for Towcester. This will enable the Foodbank to secure use of the Towcester Youth Coffee Shop premises for a further 12 months. The application will be discussed by SNC Grants Panel in January 2015.

Proposal

Cllr Johns proposed that the committee supports the Towcester Foodbanks application for funding from the New Homes Bonus for Towcester; seconded by Cllr Lynch; all in favour.

8. Finance

- a) Cheques Issued List

The Clerk circulated a copy of the Cheques Issued List (cheque numbers 010710 to 010733) to each committee member. Most items were ongoing, the following cheque numbers were highlighted:-


010719 / £800.00 to BDO Stoy Hayward – Annual Audit Fee for the accounts year ended 31.03.14
010721 / £39.00 to Northants CALC – Training course for E. Cox
010729 / £1,761.50 to The Millboard Company Ltd – Materials for the Tove Wetland Pocket Park
010731 / £340.26 to Nick Holder – Re-imbusement for materials for the Tove Wetland Pocket Park

- b) Internet Payments List

The Clerk distributed a copy of the Internet Payments List, detailing the salary/pension payments for November 2014, to each committee member

Proposal

Cllr Lynch proposed that the Cheques Issued List and Internet Payments List be signed by the Chairman and R.F.O.; seconded by Cllr M. Caseman-Jones; all in favour


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9. Draft Budget for the 2015-16 Financial Year

The draft budget for the General Account was circulated to all committee members by email and provided a hard copy of the draft full budget for the meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that expenditure for the General Account is scheduled to be below budget at the end of the financial year. The reduction is mainly due to staff changes and the funds still held in contingency. The Clerk confirmed that, since the accounts had been circulated, amendments had been made to consider the implications of receiving additional income from SNC to deliver proposed S106 items.

<u>Income</u>	<u>2014/15 Budget</u>	<u>2015/16 Budget</u>
Total Income	£9,005.00	£25,797.00

The Clerk confirmed that, to date, £6,484.00 remains from the original budget of £8,201.00 for office cover, which was carried over from the 2013/14 financial year. The budget to the end of the current financial year has been revised down to £4,000.00 with the intention of carrying forward any remaining funds to 2015/16.

Expenditure


Salaries	£87,629.00	£78,491.00
Town Mayor's Portrait	£250.00	£0.00
The budget for the Town Mayor's portrait was not utilised and will be carried forward to 2015/16.		
Audit Fee	£1,360.00	£2,500.00
The budget for the annual audit fee was increased to take into account the potential increase in the TC income.		
Insurance	£7,255.00	£10,000.00
The budget for insurance was increased to take into account the potential increase in the TC income.		
Grant to Public Bodies	£2,000.00	£5,000.00
Northants CALC Subscription	£1,935.00	£2,620.00
The budget for subscription to Northants CALC has been increased in accordance with its advance notification of the increase effective 1 st April 2015.		
Elections	£1,000.00	£2,500.00
The Clerk has received confirmation that the cost to hold an election for the TC in May 2015 will be £3,500.00.		
Courses	£500.00	£2,000.00
The cost for Melissa to undertake the CILCA course will be £750.00. The Clerk would welcome the opportunity to attend some additional training courses and the budget has been increased accordingly.		
Contingency Fund	£30,000.00	£17,000.00
Library Fund	£0.00	£10,000.00
A fund of £10,000.00 was agreed to meet the Survey/Architect costs associated with the proposed purchase of Towcester Library.		
Total Expenditure	£154,269.00	£153,289.00

New quotations

The Clerk has today received a quotation of £8,000.00 for replacement of the wooden bridge crossing from the Recreation Ground to Belle Baulk. The committee requested that the Recreation & Leisure budget be increased to facilitate these works.

The Committee also requested that the cost of £8,650.00 for repairs to the St. Lawrence Churchyard be included in the Recreation & Leisure budget for 2015=16.

The Clerk agreed to amend the draft budget to reflect the changes requested. The final budget for 2015/16 will be taken to the Resources/Planning Committee Meeting on 8th December for recommendation to the Full Council on the same date.


JIM L. NEW
8.12.14