

**Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee  
Held on 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2011 in the Jubilee Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs. Brian Lee (Chairman), Phil Squires, James Sumner, John Cutland, Terry Hunt  
Bob Phillips (Clerk).

**Apologies accepted for absence**

Cllr. Mike Webb

**1. Public Participation**

None

**2. Declaration of Interests**

None

**3. Planning Applications**

**9.171 Resolved.** The Parish Council has no objection to the applications listed below.

PT11/3130/F	Thornbury Cricket Club, Thornbury Hill	Alterations and single storey side extension to provide changing and wc facilities to meet current ECB standards.
PT11/3211/F	Willis Brake, 25 Gloucester Rd. Rudgeyway	Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation.

**9.172 Resolved.** The Parish Council has no objection to the application listed below. However, we draw attention to the fact that as this piece of land is a “filled in quarry” special care should be taken during construction work that no damage be incurred to existing or adjacent buildings.

We would also suggest that all construction traffic be required to use the new entrance in Strode Common as the residential entrance to the site in Rosewood Avenue is narrow and requires all but the smallest vehicles to manoeuvre over footways and adjacent driveways.

PT11/3194/F	Cedarstone, Rosewood Ave Alveston	Alterations to existing dwelling and erection of extension to form 1no. Additional detached dwelling with associated works. Creation of new access from Strode Common. Erection of detached single garage.
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#### 4. Planning Permissions Granted

SG Council has granted permission for the following applications.

PT11/2052/F	Alveston Hill, Alveston	Conversion of former reservoir to single storey, two bedroom underground dwelling and associated works. (Re-submission) The Parish Council did not object to the previous submission.
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#### 5. Planning Permissions Refused

SG Council has refused permission for the following applications.

None

#### 6. Applications Withdrawn

None

#### 7. Notice of appeal (Secretary of State)

PT11/1844/F	23 Paddock Gardens. Alveston	Erection of first floor side extension over existing garage to form additional living accommodation.
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A Householder appeal against refusal of Planning Permission has been made to the Secretary of State.

Whilst all previous submissions made regarding this application, including the consultation comments made by the Parish Council have been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate, it was felt by the committee that we should write a brief representation to the Inspectorate, particularly in view of some of the comments made in the appeal submission document.

The committee endorsed its comments made in June 2011 as follows:

The Parish Council objects to the application on the following grounds:

1. Original plans submitted before this property was built only a short time ago were scaled down largely because the massing of the building with the additional room over the garage was deemed out of keeping with the location. These plans seek to overrule the recommended scaling down with the same over-massing of the plot.
2. The proposed development is out of keeping with the adjacent architecture in the street where properties have vacant space above their garages creating a more open aspect for the whole area.

Additionally, Alveston Parish Council has particular concern with the suggestion made in the appeal submission that the consultee may have been adversely affected in their opinions by other developments in the area. This is not the case as the Council takes great care to consider each and every planning application separately.

**8. Representation at Planning Meetings.**

None

**9. Appeal decisions**

None

**10. Enforcement Investigation.**

None

**11. Licence Application**

None

**12. Information**

None

**13. Any Other Business****13.1. Electronic Planning – Report on potential PC involvement in Consultation Pilot.**

The Clerk reported that he had attended a consultation meeting about the SG Planning department's pilot of an electronic planning consultation process.

The pilot would introduce a new "on-line" portal where all planning applications would be available to view and to allow registered consultees to respond on-line. It was also intended to cease the distribution of paper copies of the applications to those parishes taking part in the pilot. The Clerk as well as others at the meeting had suggested that we could not currently manage without paper copies of the applications for the following reasons:

- Not all councillors were "on-line."
- It would be difficult to view complex drawings "on-line."
- We do not currently have internet access at our meeting venue. (This could be overcome by using a dongle (E costs approx £10 per month).
- Alveston PC does not currently own a projector. (Approx £300)

It had later been suggested that the pilot could be in two parts, the first with parishes who could work without paper copies and others who would still require paper copies.

As there would be no major difference to the way Alveston PC operates by taking part in the second type of pilot with paper copies, it was agreed that Alveston PC take part in the pilot.

The meeting was closed at 7.30 pm.