

**Minutes of the Planning Committee
18 November 2015**

Present:

Councillor C.M. Frazer (Chairman)

Councillors:

R.O. Barratt	A.E. Friday	R.W. Sider BEM
I.J. Beardsmore	A.L. Griffiths	H.A. Thomson
S.J. Burkmar	N. Islam	
Q.R. Edgington	V.J. Leighton	

Apologies: Apologies were received from Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley and Councillor O. Rybinski

In Attendance:

Councillors who are not members of the Committee, but attended the meeting and spoke on an application in or affecting their ward, are set out below in relation to the relevant application.

Councillor I.T.E. Harvey	15/00237/FUL – Orchard Meadow, The Avenue, Sunbury On Thames
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293/15 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2015 were approved as a correct record.

294/15 Disclosures of Interest

a) Disclosures of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct

There were none.

b) Declarations of interest under the Council's Planning Code

Councillor A.E. Friday reported that they had received correspondence in relation to application 15/00237/FUL – Orchard Meadow, The Avenue,

Sunbury On Thames but had maintained an impartial role, had not expressed any views and had kept an open mind.

295/15 15/00237/FUL - Orchard Meadow, The Avenue, Sunbury On Thames

Description:

Creation of children's play area including the erection of natural play equipment and the provision of bark safety surfacing.

Additional Information:

The Assistant Head of Planning informed the Committee that a consultation response had been received from Surrey Playing Fields which raised no objection and gave full support to the proposal which seeks to address the shortfall in children's play areas.

Additionally the Assistant Head of Planning advised that there have been three further letters of representation, two which supported the creation of a play area and one which objected to the application if the play area is to be located in Sunbury Park.

Public Speaking:

In accordance with the Council's procedure for speaking at meetings, Gerry Ceaser spoke for the proposal raising the following key points:

- Speaking as Chairman of 'Friends of Sunbury Park'
- Proposal promotes a healthy lifestyle through encouraging active play for young children.
- Although Orchard Meadow is in green belt the play area would be acceptable
- Allows children to appreciate our natural environment and open spaces
- Ample parking provision
- The play area is over 200ft from properties and therefore noise should not be a problem
- Proposal abides by local planning policies

Councillor I.T.E. Harvey spoke for the item as ward member raising the following key points:

- Definite need for a play facility in lower Sunbury
- There are currently no play facilities in this ward
- Proposal has no ecological impact
- It will encourage people to be outdoors
- It is a natural play facility made of mostly wood
- More than sufficient car parking spaces
- Proposal would significantly enhance the quality of life of residents
- Negligible local impact
- Support has been expressed from Sunbury Manor School
- Site will not become a centre of crime

Debate:

During the debate the following key issues were raised:

- The substance of public comments are in favour of the proposal
- Proposal recognises a genuine need for a play facility in the area
- The proposal will be built from natural materials and subdued colours so minimal impact to area
- Supports the wellbeing of young people
- A good location and practical for parents to park
- The area is small in size and not likely to attract criminal activity.

Decision:

The application was **approved** subject to the conditions and informatives as set out in the report of the Head of Planning and Housing Strategy.

296/15 TPO 252/2015 - Kingscroft Residential Home, Fairmead, 1A Worple Road, Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 1ED

Description:

Tree Preservation Order 252/2015 to protect one Copper Beech tree at Kingscroft Residential Home, Fairmead, 1a Worple Road, Staines-upon-Thames.

Additional Information:

There was none.

Debate:

During the debate the following key issues were raised:

- The importance of preserving trees.

Decision:

It was **approved** that the Tree Preservation Order 252/2015 relating to Kingscroft Residential Home, Fairmead, 1a Worple Road, Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 1ED be confirmed without modification.

297/15 Standard Appeals Report

The Chairman informed the Committee that if any Member had any detailed queries regarding the report on Appeals lodged and decisions received since the last meeting, they should contact the Head of Planning and Housing Strategy.

Resolved that the report of the Head of Planning and Housing Strategy be received and noted.