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**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF NORTHCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL  
3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2024, 7.00 PM, SOCIAL CENTRE, BELL LANE, NORTHCHURCH, HP4 3 RD**

**Cllrs present: Cllr Mark Somervail, Cllr Neil Pocock, Cllr Lara Pringle and Cllr Dix.**

**Also present: Mrs Usha Kilich Proper Officer, and twenty-eight members of the public.**

**01/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To approve and accept apologies for absence.

Resolved, proposed by Cllr Somervail, seconded by Cllr Pocock to accept the apologies of absence from Cllr Capozzi, and Cllr Abercromby. Unanimously agreed.

**02/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To declare an interest linked to any item on the agenda

There were no declarations of interest to record.

**03/24 Public Participation**

All members of the public at the meeting were attending with regard to the application for Park Rise. They nominated a representative who spoke for 3 minutes. A few other members of the public made further points.

**04/24 MINUTES**

To approve the minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and matters arising from the previous meeting that are not included as an agenda item below.

Resolved, proposed by Cllr Dix, seconded by Cllr Pocock to accept the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 as a true and accurate record. Unanimously agreed.

**05/24 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**06/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER.**

**Reference: 24/01102/FHA**

Proposal: Addition of an air source heat pump housed within a small timber enclosure and the PV panels to a pitched / flat roof section to the rear of the property

Address: Great Coldharbour Farm Berkhamsted Common Berkhamsted Hertfordshire HP4 1PT

NPC: No comment

**Reference: 24/01125/FHA**

Proposal: Demolition of garage and sun room, new ground and 1st floor side extension with new rear dormer and new front rooflight.

Address: Hillcrest Darrs Lane Northchurch Berkhamsted Hertfordshire HP4 3TT

NPC: No comment

**Reference: 24/00698/FHA**

Proposal: Construction of garage.

Address: Acushla 17 Tring Road Dudswell Berkhamsted Hertfordshire HP4 3SY

NPC: No comment

**Reference: 23/02204/MFA**

Proposal: Change of use from agricultural land to a dog recreation area with associated car parking and refreshment hut.

Address: Rossway House Rossway Berkhamsted Hertfordshire HP4 3TZ

NPC: No comment

**Reference: 24/01088/FUL**

Proposal: Construction of two semi-detached houses with associated boundary treatment and landscaping, with rear parking accessed from Park Rise.

Address: Land On the Southeast Side of Park Rise Northchurch Berkhamsted Hertfordshire

**NPC: objects** for the following reasons:

1. The land is designated as Highways.
2. This land is the only open green space in the centre of the village and is used by many residents, especially the elderly. It was deliberately left as a green space when the area was originally developed. It has been used as a village green for over 50 years for street parties and other celebrations. This amenity and its visual aspect will be lost if the development goes ahead.
3. Dacorum Borough Council is legally required to provide a mitigation strategy to reduce the impact on the Chiltern Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation. This requires the provision of Suitable Additional Natural Greenspaces (SANG) which are accessible to residents. This development will cause the loss of an accessible green space and is therefore a step in the wrong direction.
4. This green space is accessible on foot for many residents. Children and the elderly are able to use it without crossing the busy main road. Loss of this green space will require more people to travel by car to find alternative green spaces. There is already significant traffic congestion in the area around the shops and this development will make it worse.
5. Northchurch High St is already an area of high air pollution and any increase in traffic will make it worse.
6. The land includes a discretionary footpath which has been used by shoppers and parents & children walking to St Marys School for over 50 years.
7. The land contains veteran trees with TPOs. These trees may be impacted by the development.

**Reference: 24/01137/TCA**

Proposal: Works to tree.

Address: 1 Northchurch Place 49 High Street Northchurch Berkhamsted Hertfordshire HP4 3QH

NPC: Refer to Tree Officer

**07/24 PLANNING APPEAL TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT1990**

**Reference: 23/02816/FHA**

Proposal: Demolition of existing side extension and detached garden room, construction of new side and rear extensions, with associated internal alterations

**Address:** Little Oaks Darrs Lane Northchurch Berkhamsted Hertfordshire HP4 3TT

**08/24 PLANNING DECISION**

**Reference: 24/00038/FUL**

Proposal: Demolition of No 38 and 40 Boswick Lane and construction of 2 detached dwellings.

Address: 38 And 40 Boswick Lane Dudswell Berkhamsted Hertfordshire HP4 3TE

DBC: Granted (NPC: No comment)

**Reference: 24/00493/FHA**

Proposal: Ground floor side, rear & porch extension & First-floor roof extension to create first floor rooms

Address: 9 Darrs Lane Northchurch Berkhamsted Hertfordshire HP4 3RH

DBC: Granted (NPC: No comment)

**09/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next planning meeting will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 8 pm at Social Centre Bell Lane Northchurch HP4 3 RD

The meeting concluded at 19.51