



EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

Extraordinary Meeting – 17th August 2022 at 7pm

Attendance: Cllr J Bennett (Chairperson), Cllr S Snelling, Cllr D Mead, Cllr H Cowen, Cllr J Carter-Uren, Cllr S Wintersgill, Cllr Wilkins

Public attendance: 2 Members of the public were present.

No councillors declared an interest on any items on the agenda.

22/004 Public Question Time

1. 1 member of the public spoken in favour of item 22/004.1 and gave a brief update on possible future plans for Yeovil Court Hotel.

22/105 Discuss Planning applications

22/01359/FUL **Location:** Yeovil Court, 175 West Coker Road, **Application:** Alterations to improve the rear accommodation block.

Cllr Bennett opened up the floor for this item. Cllr Cowen asked the member of the public if there would be any sort of screening put up where trees and bushes had been removed on the boundary. The member of the public advised that there had already been 6-year-old laurel trees planted so screening should be established quickly. (Photos were shown of the newly planted Laurels). Cllr Mead noted that the symmetry on the plans was quite different and wondered if this could be changed to make it more pleasing to the eye. Cllr Bennett noted that all the balconies were now Juliet style so would not be accessible to individuals and had addressed the previous overlooking concerns.

Proposal: It was proposed that all previous concerns of overlooking had now been addressed on the amended plans with the use of a different design and by using Juliet balconies, and that replanting of screening trees had already been done. ECPC original concerns have been addressed and ECPC are happy to support this application. **Proposed:** Cllr Mead **Seconded:** Cllr Cowan. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to update SSDC Planning.

22/01328/HOU **Location:** 20 Wraxhill Road, East Coker **Application:** Alterations to the scale and design of the proposed annexe. Cllr had looked at amended plans prior to the meeting. Cllr Bennett spoke and said that although plans had been amended it would still constitute unacceptable back land development, along a street which is already densely populated and which does not have residential backland development in any other location. It also remains that this plot of land is significantly higher than the houses of Beaconsfield Road which lies behind it and so the presence of a residential dwelling upon this site would still be both overbearing on the local residents.

Proposal: ECPC still object to this application. They recognise that steps have been taken to alter the scale and design however this application still constitutes unacceptable backland development within a very small plot. This area is already densely populated and does not have residential backland development in any other location there. This plot of land is significantly higher than the houses of Beaconsfield Road behind it and so the presence of a residential dwelling upon this site would be both overbearing and overlooking for these residents. **Proposed:** Cllr Snelling **Seconded:** Cllr Wintersgill. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to email comments to contact SSDC Planning.

22/107 Memorial Requests: A additional inscription to remember Maurice Wesley Buckland was approved. **Proposed:** Cllr Snelling **Seconded:** Cllr Mead. A vote was taken and all agreed. **Action:** Clerk to update Stone Mason