

**Minutes of the Planning Committee of North Curry Parish Council
Held via Zoom on Wednesday 26th August 2020 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Mr T Turner (Chairman), Mrs T Stodgell, Mrs C Vaughan, Mrs J Leader, Mr B Jeanes, Mrs H Griffiths, Mr G Cable

Members of the Public: Mr & Mrs Hogg

1 APOLOGIES: Mrs C Smith

2 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 29th July 2020.
Meeting held via Zoom. Mrs Vaughan proposed the minutes were accurate, seconded by Mr Jeanes, which was carried.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None.

4 MATTERS ARISING – None.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT BY NORTH CURRY PARISH COUNCIL

24/20/0033/T Notification to carry out management works to one Maple Tree within North Curry Conservation Area at The Grange, 2 Stoke Road, North Curry. The Chairman explained that the Maple Tree which is on the left hand of the property was spreading wildly and in desperate need of pruning and that a Pear tree at the property, which was overhanging Stoke Road, was to be removed. This would improve visibility for traffic pulling out of Queen Square on to Stoke Road. The Chairman proposed to support the application and it was seconded by Mrs T Stodgell, which was carried.

24/20/0032/T Notification to fell one Cedar tree and one Birch tree within North Curry Conservation Area at 14 Stoke Road, North Curry. Mr & Mrs Hogg the owners of the property were present for the discussion of their planning application. The Chairman explained this was the thatched property opposite the turning of Canterbury Drive and the Birch Tree at the front of the property was pushing over the boundary wall. The Cedar Tree in the back garden was decayed, branches were falling off causing danger to their children playing in the garden. Mr & Mrs Hogg explained they had the Cedar Tree tested and it was diagnosed as having Honey Fungus. Mr & Mrs Hogg informed the Parish Council they would be replacing both trees, though they were reluctant to have the Birch Tree removed, they would replace it with a tree planted in a pot to avoid any future damage to the property and the Cedar Tree would have to be replaced with a type of tree resistant to Honey Fungus. A neighbour Mr D Walker made one comment on the application asking the replacement tree for the Cedar to be one that did not grow too big. After much discussion the Chairman proposed to support the application but requested that Mr & Mrs Hogg carried out some form of tree replacement especially to the Cedar Tree in the back garden. This was seconded by Mr G Cable, which was carried.

24/20/0015 Erection of a single storey side extension with balcony over at 4 Lillesdon Court Cottages, Lillesdon Lane, North Curry. The Chairman highlighted the original application for the single storey extension with balcony was talked about in a planning meeting via email after lockdown but Somerset West and Taunton Planning did not like the original plans. They were not happy with the shape of the extension. The current application has been amended to improve the shape of the extension. After much discussion Mrs T Stodgell proposed to support the application and it was seconded by the Chairman, which was carried.

24/20/0034 Erection of fencing behind hedge boundary to the side of Combe Lane Cottage, Knapp, North Curry. The Chairman explained that the cottage was situated on a narrow lane that led to the

Rising Sun pub. The application was for a 6ft high vertical boarded fence to be erected inside the remaining bits of hedging on the boundary and additional hedging would be planted to thicken the hedge on the outside of the fence. It was highlighted that along with the mature hedge on the opposite side of the lane and the 6ft fence it would cause more shading and in turn, the shade may prevent the new hedge from growing. After much discussion the Chairman proposed to support the application and that the Parish Council would ask that the additional planting that is required would need to be shade resistant, this was seconded by Mr B Jeanes, which was carried.

6. **PERMISSIONS / REFUSALS RECEIVED** – None
7. **PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE** – None
8. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION** – A Parishioner has highlighted that the house immediately behind the Police House on Greenway have had two shipping containers placed in the back garden both containers run along Nine Acre Lane and it was questioned if this was permitted or not. It was also highlighted that a while ago a planning application was submitted by Fusion Fostering for new offices and on the application it was stipulated that Fusion Fostering would be required to plant extra hedging to thicken the original hedge to hide the car parking area. This stipulation, if correct, has not been fulfilled. Therefore, the Clerk was asked to look back on the planning application to check if the planting was a condition of the planning and write a letter to Fusion Fostering if deemed necessary.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.15pm