

Duns Tew Parish Council
Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held at the Village Hall Duns Tew
on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 6.45pm

Present: - Cllr C. McBean (Chair) Cllr C. Landless, Cllr C. Keeping, Cllr J. Hall and three members of the public, Mrs. S. Lacey, Mrs. H. Hamilton and Mr. R Adcock

In attendance Mrs. H Skaar (Clerk)

17.01 Apologies for Absence – Cllrs Semple and Parasoussis

17.02 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and Requests for Dispensation – None.

17.03 Minutes of the last meeting – The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2016 were **RESOLVED** as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair

17.04 Public Participation – Mrs. Hamilton expressed concern over the Planning application for the Dovecote particularly the windows in the south eastern elevation which would cause more light pollution disturbing the natural habitat of the wild nightlife particularly the owls and bats and to the neighbouring properties. They also would overlook her property and impact upon her privacy.
General concern was voiced about the changes to the fabric and character of the building, which is one of only 4 intact Dovecotes in the area, and the only intact Heritage Asset in the village. It is a Grade 11 Listed Building and in the Conservation Area and the proposed external and internal alterations would not preserve and enhance the character, street scene and heritage of the area.

17.05 New Applications –

Reference Numbers: 17/00433/F & 17/00434/LB

Mr. G. McAlpine

Dovecote, Main Street, Duns Tew, Bicester OX25 6JR

Alterations to existing dovecote to form an office/studio

It was **RESOLVED** that although the Council welcomed the prospect of the building being preserved. It would object on the following grounds:

- 1) The building is the single intact heritage asset within the Conservation area and the village. It is a Grade 11 listed building and should therefore be preserved with no significant alterations to the structure.
- 2) The insertion of windows in the south eastern wall of the building will be seen from the main road and will
 - a) increase light pollution for the neighbouring properties and the main street contrary to Local Plan Policies
 - b) overlook the neighbouring property and impact upon it's privacy
 - c) change the outward appearance and character of the building significantly thus impacting upon the street scene within the conservation area
- 3) The proposed alterations will not preserve, enhance or complement the conservation area and will harm the historic value of the landscape.
- 4) The building is close to two other Grade 11 listed buildings and the proposed alterations will be detrimental to the character of these buildings and their setting, resulting in harm to the significance of the heritage asset
- 5) The proposed new use and internal renovations to include a bathroom and a kitchen would destroy the character of this building irrevocably and is quite contrary the policies relating to listed buildings
- 6) Ecological issues
 - a) The Bat Survey has identified that a brown long eared bat roosts in the property and this roost will be destroyed.
 - b) The light pollution caused by the new buildings in this area has already caused most of the owls which inhabited the area to move away and further light pollution would completely destroy their habitat

Reference Number: 17/00628/F

Mrs. S. Lacey

Demolition of existing sun room and replacement with two storey extension along with the removal of the existing first floor flat roof to create a second floor extension.

No Objections

17.06 Applications considered prior to the Meeting – None

17.07 Decisions –

Reference Number: 17/00061/TCA

Dr. D Jackson

1. Field Court, Duns Tew, OX25 LD

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Permitted

The meeting closed at

Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 2nd May 2017 8.00 pm

Signed by Chairman.....

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