



East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the East Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee held on Tuesday 9 January 2024 in Amersham Council Chamber, King George V House, King George V Road, Amersham HP6 5AW, commencing at 6.34 pm and concluding at 8.47 pm.

Members present

I Darby, M Fayyaz, M Flys (Vice-Chairman), G Harris, C Jones, J MacBean, J Rush, M Stannard, H Wallace, L Walsh, J Waters (Chairman) and S Wilson

Others in attendance

M Shires, K Stubbs, B Binstead and M Beech

Apologies

None.

Agenda Item

1 Declarations of interest

Councillor G Harris: Application number PL/22/4074/FA – declared a non-pecuniary interest due to living on the opposite side of the common. He declared that he was not pre-determined, that he had an open mind and would listen to the debate before voting on the application.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

An amendment was made to the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2023. It was noted that Councillor L Walsh gave her apologies for the meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2023 were agreed as an accurate record.

3 PL/22/4074/FA - St Leonards Church Hall, Glebe Way, Chesham Bois, HP6 5ND

Redevelopment of the site to create a new multifunctional Parish Centre with cafe, day nursery building, replacement rectory with detached garage, 2 outbuildings to provide prayer room and substation/bin and bicycle store, associated parking and landscaping.

Following a full debate, members voted in favour of the motion to refuse planning permission.

It was proposed by Councillor S Wilson and seconded by Councillor G Harris.

Resolved: That the application be refused on the basis that the site falls within the Chiltern Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation (SAC) zone of influence. There is likely significant effect on the SAC given the scale and intended use of the site.

Only members who were present at the planning committee meeting on October 17, 2023, where the application was first presented, were eligible to vote on this deferred item. Therefore, Councillor M Flys, Councillor J MacBean, Councillor J Rush, and Councillor L Walsh took part in the debate but did not vote on the application.

4 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6 February 2024.

Please note that this meeting will be held at Council Offices, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, HP11 1BB.

5 Availability of Members Attending Site Visits (if required)

Resolved: that in the event it was necessary to arrange site visits on Monday 5 February 2024 in respect of the agenda for the meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 February 2024, that all Members be invited to attend.