

Planning Committee

Thursday, 20th February, 2020

6.00 - 6.15 pm

Attendees	
Councillors:	Councillor Garth Barnes (Chair), Councillor Paul Baker (Vice-Chair), Councillor Stephen Cooke, Councillor Diggory Seacome, Councillor Victoria Atherstone, Councillor Bernard Fisher, Councillor Mike Collins, Councillor Alex Hegenbarth, Councillor Paul McCloskey, Councillor Tony Oliver and Councillor John Payne
Officers in Attendance:	Craig Hemphill (Principal Planning Officer) and Lucy White

1. Apologies

Councillor Barrell and Councillor Wheeler

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Cook said that his son used to work as a lifeguard at the lido.

3. Declarations of independent site visits

Councillor Fisher stated that he went on a site visit to Sandford Park House on 20/02/20.

4. Public Questions

There were no public questions at this meeting.

5. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes for the meeting on 16/01/20 were approved.

6. Planning/Listed Building/Conservation Area Consent/Advertisement Applications, Applications for Lawful Development Certificate and Tree related applications – see Main Schedule

7. 19/01735/FUL & LBC Sandford Park House

Lucy White (Planning Officer) explained that the permission is for the property at Sandford Park House for change of use and to convert it into 12 apartments.

There were no further questions or comments.

Chair moved to a vote.

Vote 1 - In favour of the proposal – Unanimous Result in favour

Vote 2 – Listed Building Status – Unanimous Result in favour

8. 19/02430/LBC Sandford Lido

Craig Hemphill (Planning Officer) explained that the permission is for minor internal alterations to a wall and the ceiling of the café foyer and server entrance within the existing café building.

VA stated that she is in favour of removing the fake ceiling and thinks that the property will be much improved.

SC added that he was very in favour of this as it will improve the environment for both staff and visitors.

AH Also agreed

Chair moved to a vote

Vote for Listed Building Consent – Unanimous vote in favour

9. 19/02438/FUL & LBC Sandford Lido

Craig Hemphill (Planning Officer) explained that the applicant is seeking planning permission and listed building consent for the siting of a Portakabin to be used as an office including welfare facilities. The site is located on the site of a gym building which has now been demolished.

Matter then opened to members

SC – Acknowledged that the Lido is a jewel in Cheltenham's crown and it is important to preserve it. He raised a concern that temporary buildings aren't always temporary (could be there for longer than 3 years) and this is a concern of the Civic Society as is the type of portakabin they chose. He asked that maybe the Civic Society could be consulted about this alongside the Lido. He did very much emphasise that he would be supporting the proposal.

GB – Confirmed that this is just one step of the process and that everything has to go through the Planning Committee.

Planning Officer - Confirmed that there is a 3 year consent and this matter can then be reviewed. The Lido are aware of this and will review their own directives at that point, further discussion can then take place if needed.

RH – Stated that the Lido is currently raising money for several millions of pounds of improvements, mostly for improvements more significant than this development which is bound to be temporary. There was also reference made to previous building on site that lasted a long time.

Chair moved to a vote

Vote 1 – in favour of proposal – in favour – Unanimous

Vote 2 Listed Building status – in favour - Unanimous

10. Appeal Updates

No notes on appeal updates

11. Any other items the Chairman determines urgent and requires a decision