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**APPROVED MINUTES OF CASTLE CARY TOWN COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on Monday 23rd September 2019**

Present: Pek Peppin (Chair), Justin Birch, Bob Gilbey, Judi Morison (from 18:14), Sally Snook, Penny Steiner and Nick Weeks

Clerk: Zöe Godden

There were no members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

The meeting started at 18:00.

P46 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Margaret Bebbington, Philippa Biddlecombe, Stephen Biddlecombe and Rob Worth.

P47 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

P47 To consider the list of applications received (as at Wednesday 18/9/19) detailed below

Application No	Proposal & Applicant	Location	Observation Expiry
19/01785/FUL	Alterations and the conversion of existing outbuildings into a dwelling Mr Robert Brown	Barrington House Woodcock St Castle Cary BA7 7BJ	24/09/19

Pek Peppin informed Councillors that two critical documents, namely the application form and the design and access statements, had not been uploaded to the South Somerset District Council's website until the morning of the 23rd September. As such, Pek said that there had not been enough time for her to prepare for the meeting. Pek noted that she, the Deputy Town Clerk and the Town Clerk had all asked for the documents to be uploaded the previous week. In addition, Pek reported that SSDC had refused to allow an extension for Town Council comments, despite the fact that all of the information required had not been made available. It was further noted that members of the public had been disadvantaged by the omission of the two important documents from the SSDC website. SSDC had a statutory duty to ensure that both local councils and members of the public had access to all relevant information relating to planning applications. Councillors expressed their dissatisfaction with the service received from SSDC in this instance and instructed the Clerk to contact District Councillors Henry Hobhouse and Kevin Messenger and Simon Fox, Lead Specialist at the Planning Department with their complaint.

Pek Peppin went on to report that she had spoken with the direct neighbour to the site and it was **agreed** that a decision on this application would be **deferred** to the next scheduled Planning Committee meeting on 7th October.

Adjacent parish 19/02230/FUL	Proposed use of building and adjacent land for mixed-use cafe, office and light industry (sui generis mix of B1 and A3) including demolition of later added extensions and structures on the site, erection of a part two storey and part single storey side extension, alterations, and associated landscaping works to create garden and car park	The Factory Station Wharf Station Road Ansford Castle Cary BA7 7PE	26/09/19
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Pek Peppin reported that the factory building and surrounding land associated with this application had been bought by The Newt in Somerset and, as such, it was likely to be developed to a very high standard and would also improve the look of Castle Cary railway station generally. Pek went on to summarise the history of the building and the proposed development.

18:14 – Judi Morison arrived at the meeting.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed enthusiastically to recommend approval of the application with the proviso that existing agreements in terms of hedge maintenance along the A371 should be maintained in the interests of Highway safety.

The meeting ended at 18:25

Approved as a correct record P Peppin 7th October 2019