

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Wednesday, 5 February 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Robert Turner – Chairman
Councillor Lynda Harford – Vice-Chairman

Councillors: David Bard Val Barrett
Brian Burling Tumi Hawkins
Caroline Hunt Sebastian Kindersley
David McCraith Deborah Roberts
Ben Shelton Hazel Smith
Nick Wright

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Nigel Blazeby (Development Control Manager), Katie Christodoulides (Planning Officer), John Koch (Planning Team Leader (West)), Karen Pell-Coggins (Senior Planning Assistant), Stephen Reid (Senior Planning Lawyer), Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer), Paul Sexton (Principal Planning Officer (West)) and Charles Swain (Principal Planning Enforcement Officer)

Councillors Nigel Cathcart, Janet Lockwood and Susan van de Ven were in attendance, by invitation.

88. GENERAL DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest and each Committee member was considering each item on the agenda afresh.

89. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2014.

90. S/0439/12/FL - LITLINGTON (LAND AT HIGHFIELD FARM, WEST OF ROYSTON ROAD)

Phil Jones (Stop Litlington Wind Farm Action Group – Onjector), Stewart Reddaway (Supporter), John Fairlie (for the applicant), Michael McGloin (Therfield Parish Council), Alan Pipe (Litlington Parish Council), Councillor Cicely Murfitt (Member for the adjoining ward of The Mordens) and Councillor Nigel Cathcart (a local Member) addressed the meeting.

Members visited the site on 4 February 2014. The Committee **refused** the application for the reasons set out in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

91. S/2607/12/VC - MELDRETH (SHOWMAN'S SITE, BIDDALLS BOULEVARD, KNEESWORTH ROAD)

Rob Searles (Meldreth Parish Council), Cliff Thurlow (applicant's agent) and Councillor Susan van de Ven (local Member) addressed the meeting.

The Committee gave officers **delegated powers to approve** the application subject to relocation of the open space area within the site and its offer to Meldreth Parish Council,

and the Conditions referred to in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director including a Condition requiring completion, before first occupation of any of the four new plots, of a footpath allowing access from the site into Meldreth without users having to walk along a significant stretch of carriageway,

92. S/2526/13/FL - GREAT SHELFORD (10 CHASTON ROAD)

The Committee **approved** the application as amended by 1:500 scale block plan date stamped 16 January 2014, subject to the Conditions set out in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

93. S/2330/13/FL - PAPWORTH EVERARD (BERNARD SUNLEY CENTRE)

The Committee **approved** the application for a temporary period of three years in order to reassess the impact of the development on the surrounding conservation area.

94. S/1808/13/OL - HARSTON (98-102 HIGH STREET)

Adam Halford (applicant's agent), Niall O'Byrne (Harston Parish Council) and Councillor Janet Lockwood (local Member) addressed the meeting.

The Committee gave officers **delegated powers to approve** the application subject to the prior completion of a legal agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requiring that 40% of the net gain in the number of dwellings is affordable, and requiring financial contributions towards education, public open space, community facilities, household waste receptacles and Section 106 monitoring (all based on net gain), and the Conditions referred to in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

95. S/1980/13/OL - HAUXTON (LAND ADJACENT DESMONDS CLOSE)

Richard Seamark (applicant's agent) and Councillor Janet Lockwood (local Member) addressed the meeting.

Members visited the site on 4 February 2014. The Committee **refused** the application contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director. Members agreed the reasons for refusal as being that the application was contrary to planning policies, particularly Policy DP/7 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework concerning development frameworks, being outside the village envelope and encroaching upon the open countryside.

Councillor Janet Lockwood declared a non-pecuniary interest as an occupier of land adjoining the site.

96. ENFORCEMENT REPORT

The Committee **received and noted** an Update on enforcement action.

97. APPEALS AGAINST PLANNING DECISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Committee **received and noted** a report on Appeals against planning decisions and enforcement action.

The Meeting ended at 1.33 p.m.
