

## **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on  
Wednesday, 16 November 2016 at 2.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor David Bard – Chairman  
Councillor Kevin Cuffley – Vice-Chairman

Councillors: Val Barrett (substitute) John Batchelor  
Anna Bradnam Brian Burling  
Philippa Hart (substitute) David McCraith  
Charles Nightingale Deborah Roberts  
(substitute)  
Robert Turner

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:  
Julie Ayre (Planning Team Leader (East)), Julie Baird (Head of Development  
Management), Stephen Reid (Senior Planning Lawyer) and Ian Senior (Democratic  
Services Officer)

Councillor Peter Johnson was in attendance, by invitation.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Councillors Pippa Corney, Sebastian Kindersley, Des O'Brien and Tim Scott sent Apologies. Councillors Philippa Hart, Charles Nightingale and Val Barrett substituted for Councillors Kindersley, O'Brien and Scott respectively

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The draft Minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2016 would be presented to the meeting on 7 December 2016.

### **4. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ERECTION OF 45 DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS - LAND NORTH OF BANNOLD ROAD, WATERBEACH**

**AND**

### **5. APPLICATION FOR RESERVED MATTERS IN RESPECT OF APPEARANCE, LANDSCAPING, LAYOUT AND SCALE FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF 90 DWELLINGS ON PART OF THE OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION S/1359/13/OL - LAND NORTH OF BANNOLD ROAD, WATERBEACH**

Because of the receipt of an email from Brian Williams (circulated to members before the start of the meeting), which had highlighted that public consultation did not finish until 21 November 2016, the Vice-Chairman proposed that the two applications be deferred. Councillor Deborah Roberts seconded the proposal.

Councillor Roberts welcomed the deferral as it would give Waterbeach Parish Council the opportunity to respond formally to the consultation.

The Head of Development Management also referred to an e-mail from Brian Williams in which he regretted not being given sufficient time in which to prepare a representation on behalf of residents. She told Members that the Committee had two realistic options: (i) to defer the applications, or (ii) to give officers delegated powers (in consultation with the Chairman) to decide whether to approve the applications subject to any further public representations received during the final days of the consultation period. The Head of Development Management highlighted that responses had been received from several consultees but acknowledged that the Parish Council had met yesterday and their comments were still awaited.

Councillor Peter Johnson (a local Member) said that he supported the proposal to defer.

Members were told that, should they be minded to defer, they must understand the consequences in terms of the matter then coming back before them. No Members objected to a fresh meeting taking place on Thursday 24 November 2016.

In reply to a Member's query, the Head of Development Management confirmed that the Appeal listed for 29 November 2016 was not a material planning consideration in deciding the two applications currently before Members. The Planning Lawyer agreed, but expressed the view that the opportunity for Members to consider the two applications might be material to anything which was then said at the forthcoming Appeal, and, as such, that the Appeal Inspector should be given the opportunity to take Members' comments into account when reaching his or her decision.

Following further comments by Members, the Committee unanimously **deferred** the application until 2pm on Thursday 24 November 2016.

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**The Meeting ended at 2.39pm**

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