

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Wednesday, 11 December 2019 at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor John Batchelor – Chairman

Councillors:	Henry Batchelor (substitute)	Anna Bradnam
	Dr. Martin Cahn	Peter Fane
	Brian Milnes	Judith Rippeth
	Deborah Roberts	Peter Topping

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Christopher Carter (Delivery Manager - Strategic Sites), Stephen Reid (Senior Planning Lawyer), Aaron Sands (Senior Planning Officer), Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer) and Michael Sexton (Senior Planning Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors Pippa Heylings, Heather Williams and Nick Wright sent Apologies for Absence. Councillor Henry Batchelor substituted for Councillor Heylings.

In Councillor Heylings' absence, and by affirmation, the Committee appointed Councillor Brian Milnes as Vice-Chairman for the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Henry Batchelor declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 5 (S/0670/19/FL - Linton (Land Rear of 24-27 Paynes Meadow)). He had been present at meetings of Linton Parish Council at which this application had been discussed but was now considering the matter afresh.

Councillor John Batchelor declared a non-pecuniary interest in Minute 5 (S/0670/19/FL - Linton (Land Rear of 24-27 Paynes Meadow)). He had been present at meetings of Linton Parish Council at which this application had been discussed but took no part in those discussions and was now considering the matter afresh.

With regard to Minute 6 (S/1782/19/FL - Stapleford (The Tree, 9 Bar Lane))

- Councillor Peter Fane declared a non-pecuniary interest because he had supported calls for the Council to conclude a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of The Tree. He withdrew to the public gallery, took no part in the debate and did not vote. He did however have a dispensation to address the meeting as a local Member.
- Councillor Brian Milnes declared a non-pecuniary interest in view of his association with the history of this matter but was now considering the matter afresh.
- Councillor Peter Topping declared a non-pecuniary interest because he had attended meetings on this topic but was considering the matter afresh.
- Councillors Anna Bradnam, Martin Cahn, Brian Milnes and Judith Rippeth declared non-pecuniary interests by virtue of their previous consideration of The Tree's Compulsory Purchase Order as members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.

3. **RECORDED VOTING**

By affirmation, the Committee unanimously agreed that all substantive votes at the current Planning Committee meeting should be recorded by name and / or number and name.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2019.

5. **S/0670/19/FL - LINTON (LAND REAR OF 24-27 PAYNES MEADOW)**

Members visited the site on 10 December 2019.

The case officer drew Members' attention to the Landscape Officer's objections and informed them that the sum referred to in paragraph 145 would be allocated to providing a new nursery classroom. He also corrected how the red line should appear on the site plan. Further Linton Parish Council comments and two additional neighbour representations had been received but these had already been addressed in the report. The case officer briefly referred to ongoing housing need in the village, read out Policy H/11 and assured that the proposed Legal Agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 would ensure appropriate maintenance of the Sustainable Urban Drainage System.

Mark Ganderton (objector) Hannah Northrop (applicant's agent), and Councillor Enid Bald (Linton Parish Council) addressed the meeting. Councillor Henry Batchelor also spoke as one of the local Members.

During the ensuing debate, the following issues were raised:

- Concern about intrusion into the countryside, design, and the impact on local character and landscape
- Drainage
- The distance to local amenities
- The absence of any Section 106 money for primary and secondary education

By six votes to two, with one abstention, the Committee **refused** the application, contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development. Members agreed the reasons for refusal to be design, adverse impact on the landscape, and location of the proposal being outside the village framework.

(Councillors Cahn and Fane voted to approve the application. Councillors Henry Batchelor, John Batchelor, Bradnam, Rippeth Roberts and Topping voted for refusal. Councillor Milnes abstained from voting.)

6. **S/1782/19/FL - STAPLEFORD (THE TREE, 9 BAR LANE)**

Members visited the site on 13 August 2019.

William French (objector), Peter McKeown (applicant's agent) and Councillor Kettel (Stapleford Parish Council) addressed the meeting. Councillor Peter Fane spoke as a local Member but not as a member of the Committee.

While there was some concern about configuration of the car park, other Members could

see no reason to refuse the application.

By seven votes to one, the Committee **approved** the application subject to the Conditions and Informative set out in the report from the Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development.

Councillors Henry Batchelor, John Batchelor, Cahn, Milnes, Rippeth, Roberts and Topping voted to approve the application. Councillor Bradnam voted to refuse it. Councillor Fane did not vote.

7. S/4298/18/FL - WILLINGHAM (REAR OF 74 RAMPTON RD,)

Members visited the site on 10 December 2019.

Paul Hoayon (objector) and Emma Morrice (applicant) addressed the meeting.

Members had before them a detailed letter from the applicant together with a revised plan.

While several Members were minded to support the application, the Delivery Manager (Strategic Sites) reminded the Committee that the plan to which they were now being referred had not been submitted formally to the Council.

Councillor Anna Bradnam therefore proposed that the application be deferred. This was seconded by Councillor Brian Milnes and, by five votes to three, the Committee **deferred** the application to enable officers to consider and consult upon the plan submitted by the applicant detailing a revised proposed vehicular access.

(Councillors Henry Batchelor, John Batchelor, Bradnam, Cahn and Milnes voted to defer the application. Councillors Fane, Rippeth and Roberts voted against deferral, Councillor Topping was absent from the Chamber and did not vote.)

8. ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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

The Principal Enforcement Officer reported that the Council had now received a quote in respect of 9a Bridge Street, Whaddon. The Committee noted the extent of that quote and authorised officers to take direct action to remove the unauthorised six metre high pole and closed circuit television camera from the site.

9. 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 1.55 p.m.
