

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Wednesday, 7 March 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Pippa Corney – Chairman
Councillor Mervyn Loynes – Vice-Chairman

Councillors:	Val Barrett	Trisha Bear
	Brian Burling	Tumi Hawkins
	Caroline Hunt	Sebastian Kindersley
	David McCraith	Charles Nightingale
	Deborah Roberts	Ben Shelton (substitute)
	Hazel Smith	

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Nigel Blazeby (Development Control Manager), Chris Collison (Interim Head of Planning), Claire Dillon (Member Services Officer), Gary Duthie (Senior Lawyer), Saffron Garner (Senior Planning Assistant), Michael Jones (Senior Planning Officer), John Koch (Planning Team Leader (West)), Alex Marsh (Conservation Assistant (Temp)), Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer), Dan Smith (Planning Officer), Natalie Westgate (Planning Officer) and Kate Wood (Planning Team Leader (East))

Councillors Janet Lockwood and Nick Wright (Planning and Economic Development Portfolio Holder) were in attendance, by invitation.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lynda Harford and Robert Turner.

145. GENERAL DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sebastian Kindersley declared a personal interest as an elected Member of Cambridgeshire County Council, a statutory consultee for all planning applications on the agenda.

146. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2012.

147. 2082/11 - HARDWICK (BLUE LION, 74 MAIN STREET)

David Shanahan (objector) and Mark Catley (applicant's agent) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **refused** the application for the reason set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities).

148. 2567/11 - HARSTON (44 HIGH STREET)

The Committee gave officers **delegated powers to approve** the application, subject to the receipt of revised Construction Specification, amended elevation drawing and details of a replacement hedge, and to the Conditions set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities).

149. 2034/11 - HISTON (8 WEST ROAD)

Gillian Kuzniar (objector) and Chris Low (applicant) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **approved** the application as amended by plans date stamped 10 February 2012, subject to the Conditions set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities) and to an extra Condition relating to access to the site for construction purposes.

150. 2516/11 & 2517/11 - TEVERSHAM (THE RECTORY, 30 CHURCH ROAD)

John Biggs (applicant) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **approved** the application contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities). Members agreed the reason for approval as being the absence of any harm to the Listed Building or negative impact on the Conservation Area. Members delegated to officers the imposition of Conditions, and requested that the Decision Notice contain Informatives limiting parking on site to construction vehicles only, and recognising the incidence of school drop-off and pick-up times in arranging deliveries onto the site.

151. 2520/11 - WATERBEACH (54 WAY LANE) - WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

The Committee noted that this application had been **withdrawn** from the agenda.

152. 2518/11 - THRILOW (63 KINGSWAY)

Martyn Corbet (objector on behalf of the Heathfields Residents Association), Ali Anderson (neighbour objector speaking at the discretion of the Committee Chairman) and Gregory Horne (applicant) addressed the meeting.

The Committee gave officers **delegated powers to approve** the application subject to the Conditions set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities) and to the prior completion of a Section 106 Legal Agreement relating to the provision of public open space, community infrastructure, and refuse facilities, and a financial contribution towards Section 106 monitoring.

153. 2269/11 AND 2270/11 - GRANTCHESTER (MERTON HOUSE COTTAGE)

Ian McGonigal (applicant's agent) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **approved** application S/2269/11, subject to the Conditions and Informative set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities). The Committee **approved** application S/2270/11 and granted Listed Buildings Consent contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities). Members agreed the reason for the approval of S/2270/11 as being the absence of any significant adverse effect on the hierarchy of the internal structure of the cottage or on the setting of the Listed Building.

154. 0699/11 - CALDECOTE (ADJ 6 MAIN STREET)

Mr Levitt (Caldecote Parish Council) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **deferred** the application to allow further discussion with Anglian Water in

connection with concerns about the adequacy of the existing pumping station capacity, and for the applicant to provide the necessary information to address the concerns of the Local Highways Authority about highway safety issues.

155. 0069/12 - COMBERTON (POST OFFICE, 12 BARTON ROAD)

The Committee **approved** the application subject to the Conditions referred to in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities).

156. 2521/11 - FOWLMERE (DEANS FARM, SHEPRETH ROAD)

Brian Barrow (applicant) and Lawrence Wragg (Fowlmere Parish Council) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **refused** the application contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities). Members agreed the reason for refusal as being the significant adverse impact on the financial viability of existing similar businesses in the locality and because it would result in an unsustainable pattern of development contrary to Policy SF/5 of the Local Development Framework 2007.

Councillor Deborah Roberts declared a personal interest as a member of Fowlmere Parish Council, which had considered the application, but stated that she was today considering the matter afresh. Councillor Roberts lived further along Long Lane and knew the applicant. However, she had received written advice from the Monitoring Officer that, as the application site could neither be seen nor heard from her property, and as she did not socialise with the applicant, Councillor Roberts had no personal interest to declare on that basis and, therefore, could not have a prejudicial interest either.

157. 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 1.13 p.m.
