

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Wednesday, 5 March 2008 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs PS Corney – Chairman
Councillor CR Nightingale – Vice-Chairman

Councillors:	RE Barrett	Mrs PM Bear
	BR Burling	Mrs JM Guest
	Mrs SA Hatton	Mrs CA Hunt
	SGM Kindersley	Mrs DP Roberts
	Mrs HM Smith	JF Williams
	TJ Wotherspoon	

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Gary Duthie (Senior Lawyer), David Grech (Principal Conservation Officer), Gareth Jones (Corporate Manager, Planning & Sustainable Communities), Ray McMurray (Area Planning Officer), Rob Mungovan (Ecology Officer), Melissa Reynolds (Area Planning Officer), David Rush (Development Control Quality Manager), Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer) and Paul Sexton (Area Planning Officer)

Councillors JD Batchelor, Mrs A Elsy, AG Orgee and NIC Wright (Planning Services Portfolio Holder) were in attendance, by invitation.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors TD Bygott and RJ Turner. Councillor TJ Wotherspoon was substituting for Councillor Bygott.

169. GENERAL DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor SGM Kindersley declared a personal interest as a Cambridgeshire County Councillor, especially in relation to minute numbers 173 (Gamlingay) and 177 (Barrington), which were both parishes within his Electoral Division of Gamlingay, and 178 (Appeals).

170. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2008.

171. S/0064/08/F & S/0069/08/F – GREAT ABINGTON (NOS. 16 & 17 CHALKY ROAD)

Gareth Jones (the first applicant), Julia Allen (the second applicant), and Councillor Tony Orgee (local Member) addressed the Committee.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee attended a site visit on 5 March 2008. The Committee **APPROVED** both applications, contrary to the recommendation contained in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities).. Members agreed the reasons for approval as being that Policy HG/6 of the Local Development Framework Development Control Policies Document 2007 would not be compromised, since the extended dwellings would remain of a medium size and in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood. It was also agreed that an exception could be made to Policy HG/6 in that the existing dwellings lacked essential basic amenities.

172. S/1979/07/F – COTTENHAM (LAND REAR OF NO. 1 OAKINGTON ROAD)

The Committee **APPROVED** the application, as amended by letter dated 14th January 2008 and drawing no. 01B date stamped 21st January 2008, subject to the Conditions referred to in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities) with Condition 8 being re-worded so as to require a timescale for installing the electricity sub-station. The Committee noted the effect of Policy CH/4 of the Local Development Framework 2007 in relation to the development's impact on the character and setting of the Listed Buildings at the corner of Rampton Road and Oakington Road.

Councillor TJ Wotherspoon declared a personal interest as a member of Cottenham Parish Council.

173. S/2399/07/O – GAMLINGAY (LAND ADJ. 24 WEST ROAD)

Councillor Mrs Ann Elsby (a local Member) addressed the Committee.

The Committee **APPROVED** the application upon the Chairman's casting vote, subject to all matters being reserved, and to safeguarding Conditions, including Conditions requiring protection of the remaining verge and the carrying out of a contaminated land survey.

174. S/1068/07/F & S/1125/07/F – GIRTON (LAND REAR OF 2 PEPYS WAY)

Debra Wilson (objector) addressed the Committee.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee attended a site visit on 5 March 2008. The Committee

- **REFUSED** application S/1068/07/F contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities) on the grounds of the proposal's size, design and adverse impact on the character of Pepys Way, and its conflict with policies contained in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 and South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework 2007.
- **REFUSED** application S/1125/07/F contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities) on the grounds of siting and the proposal's adverse impact on the character of Pepys Way, and its conflict with planning policies, including Policy P1/3 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 and Policies DP/2 and DP/3 of the-South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework 2007.

175. C/6/9/1A - HISTON AND IMPINGTON (STATION ROAD, HISTON JUNCTION)

Andrew Welsh (ENL), Stuart Kingscott (Guided Bus Design Team, Cambridgeshire County Council), and John Griffiths (Arup) attended the meeting in order to answer technical questions.

The Committee **DISCHARGED** Condition 3(a)(iii) in view of the amended design (drawing no. CGB-HJY-JNHIS-D-1-001F) of the Station Road, Histon junction, subject to no new material objections being received, within the consultation period, as a result of outstanding consultations, and to final agreement of the detailed signals design by Cambridgeshire County Council's Signals Team.

176. S/1881/07/RM - LINTON (LAND REAR OF NEWDIGATE HOUSE, HORSEHEATH ROAD)

Deborah O'Brien (objector), Philip Kratz (Agent for the applicant), and Councillor John Batchelor (a local Member) addressed the Committee.

The Committee **DEFERRED** this application for a site visit.

177. S/2416/07/F – BARRINGTON (LAND ADJACENT 17 ORWELL ROAD BARRINGTON)

Liz Spencer (objector), Don Proctor (for RPS, Agents for the applicant), and Aiden van de Weyer (Barrington Parish Council member) addressed the Committee.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee attended a site visit on 5 March 2008. The Committee **REFUSED** the application, contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities). Members agreed the reasons for refusal as being the proposal's mass, siting and size, and its adverse impact on both the character of the surrounding area and on the amenity of the gardens to the south east of properties at Orwell Terrace. Members also agreed that, should the Local Highways Authority not be satisfied with the outcome of the speed assessment relating to available visibility splays, that would be a further reason for refusal.

178. APPEALS AGAINST PLANNING DECISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

The Meeting ended at 3.50 p.m.
