

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs PS Corney – Chairman
Councillor RJ Turner – Vice-Chairman

Councillors: Mrs VM Barrett Mrs PM Bear
BR Burling TD Bygott
Mrs JM Guest Mrs SA Hatton
SGM Kindersley CR Nightingale
Mrs DP Roberts Mrs HM Smith
JF Williams

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Gary Duthie (Senior Lawyer), Ray McMurray (Principal Planning Officer (East)),
Melissa Reynolds (Team Leader (East)), David Rush (Development Control
Manager), Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer) and Kate Wood (Principal
Planning Officer (Major Developments))

Councillors MP Howell and NIC Wright were in attendance, by invitation.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor MB Loynes.

65. GENERAL DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor SGM Kindersley declared a personal interest as a Cambridgeshire County Councillor.

66. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2008.

67. GRAVELEY WIND FARM (LAND SOUTH OF GREAT PARLOW CLOSE AND WEST OF GRAVELEY, IN THE PARISH OF OFFORD DARCY)

Mr Bev Gray (objector on behalf of the Cotton Farm Action Group), Keith McConnell, Chairman of (Graveley Parish Council), and Mrs Pat Dillon (Toseland Parish Council in Huntingdonshire) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **resolved unanimously** that South Cambridgeshire District Council should object to the application submitted to Huntingdonshire District Council on the grounds of the proposal's proximity to Graveley village, its domination of, and overwhelming impact on, the outlook westwards from that village, and its adverse impact on the setting of St. Botolph Church seen from the east and on residential properties along Toseland Road.

Councillors Mark Howell and Nick Wright declared personal interests by virtue of having attended parish council meetings relating to this application. Neither had contributed to the debate at those meetings, and each was now considering the matter afresh.

68. S/1371/92/O - CAMBOURNE (CAMBOURNE SPORTS CENTRE)

The Committee **approved** the change in trigger point for provision of the Cambourne

Sports Centre to 31st December 2009.

Councillor SGM Kindersley declared a personal interest as a member of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority.

69. S/1386/08/F – FULBOURN (7 HINTON ROAD)

Mrs Elizabeth Poulter (objector) addressed the meeting.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee attended a site visit on 5 November 2008. The Committee **approved** the application, as amended by letter dated 6 October 2008 and plans JK.08.2 Revision A and JK.08.4 Revision A, subject to the Condition referred to in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities).

70. S/1714/08/F - LITTLE SHELFORD (8 BRIDGE LANE)

Prior to considering this application, the Committee attended a site visit on 5 November 2008. The Committee **refused** the application, contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities). Members agreed the reason for refusal as being the conspicuous siting of the garage, which would add to the visual impact of buildings in, and cause harm to, the conservation area, contrary to Policy CH/5 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework 2007.

Councillor Charles Nightingale declared a personal interest as having attended the parish council meeting at which this application had been discussed. He had not contributed to that discussion and was approaching the matter afresh.

71. S/1532/08/F - LITTLE WILBRAHAM (THE BELL HOUSE, 9 RECTORY FARM ROAD)

Mr. Chris Anderson (applicant's agent) addressed the meeting.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee attended a site visit on 5 November 2008. The Committee **refused** the application for the reasons set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities).

Councillor Robert Turner declared a personal and prejudicial interest as the local member living in the property adjacent to the application site, withdrew from the Chamber, took no part in the debate and did not vote.

72. S/1394/08/F - GREAT SHELFORD (WHITEFIELDS/UPLANDS, HINTON WAY)

Quinlan Terry (applicant) addressed the meeting. Colin Brown (the applicant's agent) was in attendance to provide additional information.

Noting that the application was a departure from the Development Plan, the Committee gave officers **delegated powers to approve or refuse** the application, subject to the application not being called in by the Secretary of State for her determination. Approval would be subject to the submission of amended plans addressing concerns raised by the Trees and Landscape Officer and Local Highways Authority, and revising the basement parking plan, a Section 106 Legal Agreement or Deed of Variation replicating the requirements of the previous agreement, and safeguarding Conditions based on those referred to in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities). The application would be refused if outstanding concerns could not be

addressed satisfactorily.

Councillor Charles Nightingale declared a personal interest as having attended the parish council meeting at which this application had been discussed. He had not contributed to that discussion and was approaching the matter afresh.

73. APPEALS AGAINST PLANNING DECISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Committee **noted** a report on Appeals against planning decisions and enforcement action, and a decisions summary relating to

- Selective Developments (Appeal no. 1 - House and detached garage, Appeal no. 2 - House and garage) - Pepys Way Girton – Both appeals allowed.

74. APPEAL STATISTICS

The Committee **noted** that an information report on Appeal statistics had been published on the Council's website.

The Meeting ended at 3.40 p.m.
