SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 12 May 2010 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Pippa Corney – Chairman Councillor Robert Turner – Vice-Chairman

Councillors: Val Barrett Trisha Bear

Brian Burling Sally Hatton
Sebastian Kindersley Mervyn Loynes
David McCraith (substitute) Charles Nightingale

Deborah Roberts Hazel Smith

John F Williams

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Nigel Blazeby (Team Leader (West)), Gary Duthie (Senior Lawyer), Saffron Garner (Senior Planning Assistant), Gareth Jones (Head of Planning), John Koch (Appeals Manager - Special Projects), Jo Mills (Corporate Manager, Planning and New Communities), Melissa Reynolds (Team Leader (East)), Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer), Paul Sexton (Principal Planning Officer (West)) and Andrew Winter (Planning Assistant)

Councillors Lynda Harford and Nick Wright were in attendance, by invitation.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Peter Topping.

168. GENERAL DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

169. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2010.

170. S/0346/10/F - GIRTON (HOTEL FELIX, HUNTINGDON ROAD)

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

171. S/0196/10/O - LINTON (LAND TO THE NORTH-EAST OF 26 BACK ROAD)

David Jones (the applicant's agent) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **approved** the application, as amended by application form and statements date stamped 12 April 2010 and drawing date stamped 14 April 2010, subject to consideration of scale being deferred to the Reserved Matters stage; the Conditions referred to in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities), reference to site levels in Condition 1 being removed and incorporated into a separate Condition and an additional planning condition limiting the building to an overall ridge height of not more than 5.2 metres and single-storey only.

Councillor Deborah Roberts was not in the Chamber during part of the debate, and did not

vote.

172. S/0289/10F - ELSWORTH (LAND TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THE CRICKET PAVILION, BROAD END)

Mr Swinburn (on behalf of the objectors), Matthew Weddle (supporter) and Councillor Nick Wright (local Member) addressed the meeting.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee attended a site visit on 12 May 2010. The Committee **approved** the application, planning permission to be permanent (in line with officers' revised recommendation), subject to the building being removed should it remain unused for 12 months, and to the Conditions referred to in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities).

173. S/1608/09/F - FEN DRAYTON (THE OLD SCHOOL, HIGH STREET)

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

174. S/0098/10/F - PAPWORTH EVERARD (UNIT 4, CAMBRIDGE WESTPOINT, PAPWORTH BUSINESS PARK STIRLING WAY)

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

175. S/0067/10/F - GREAT SHELFORD (1 HINTON WAY)

Councillor Charles Nightingale declared a personal interest as a member of Great Shelford Parish Council.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee attended a site visit on 12 May 2010. The Committee **approved** the application contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities), subject to Conditions requiring first floor windows facing no. 3 Hinton Way to be glazed with obscure glass and non-opening, and the provision of a disabled persons' car parking space on site. Members agreed the reasons for approval as being the Committee's satisfaction that the design, height and scale of the extension would not be harmful to either the character of the existing building or this part of the village. The proposal need not have any harmful impact on the amenity of the adjoining residential property so long as the potential for overlooking was alleviated through the use of appropriate fenestration. The amount of on on-site parking was considered acceptable, but should nonetheless accommodate the needs of disabled drivers.

176. S/0454/10/F - OVER (LAND TO THE NORTH EAST OF 27 AND 29 WEST STREET)

Prior to considering this application, the Committee attended a site visit on 12 May 2010. The Committee **approved** the application following confirmation from the Local Highways Authority that the required visibility splay of 2.4 metres x 70 metres in both directions could adequately be achieved, subject to the Conditions referred to in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities).

177. PUBLIC SPEAKING AT PLANNING COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REVIEW OF PROTOCOL

The Planning Committee **endorsed** the current public speaking protocol attached as Appendix 1 to the electronic version of the report on the Council's website.

178. APPEALS AGAINST PLANNING DECISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Committee noted a report on Appeals against planning decisions and enforcement action. The report gave details of successful appeals made during 2009-10.

The Committee received a summary of decisions relating to

- Mr C Bates Use of part of property for an accountancy practice 6 Cottenham Road, Histon – Planning appeal allowed in part. Enforcement appeal dismissed
- Dudley Developments Ltd Erection of 4 no. affordable dwellings Land adj to 1
 Butt Lane. Great Wilbraham
- Dr S Rann Erection of car lodge and store 19 High Green, <u>Great Shelford</u> Prof A Green – Erection of dwelling otherwise as previously approved – 19a High Green, Great Shelford – Appeals allowed

179. APPEAL STATISTICS

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

180. PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE AND PLANNING ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee received the minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee meetings held on 17 March 2009, 19 May 2009 and 21 May 2009, and the Planning Enforcement Sub-Committee meetings held on 26 January 2010 and 9 March 2010.

The Meeting ended at 3.45 p.m.