

## **SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on  
Wednesday, 13 May 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor John Batchelor – Chairman  
Councillor Pippa Heylings – Vice-Chairman

Councillors:	Anna Bradnam	Dr. Martin Cahn
	Sue Ellington	Peter Fane
	Brian Milnes	Judith Rippeth
	Deborah Roberts	Heather Williams
	Nick Wright	

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:  
Christopher Carter (Delivery Manager - Strategic Sites), Stephen Kelly (Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development), Rory McKenna (Deputy Head of Legal Practice), Stephen Reid (Senior Planning Lawyer) and Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer)

### **1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For the benefit of members of the public viewing the live webcast of the meeting, the Chairman introduced Committee members and officers in attendance.

He explained that this meeting of the Planning Committee was the first to be held virtually and asked for patience bearing in mind the challenges posed by the technology in use and by the new meeting skills required.

The Chairman confirmed that the Planning Committee would continue with the practice of recording votes unless a resolution could be reached by affirmation. He explained the process he would follow in a virtual meetings environment.

He confirmed that the meeting was quorate but informed members of the public that, if a Committee member was absent for any part of the presentation of or debate about an agenda item then that member would not be allowed to vote on that item.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

There were no Apologies for Absence.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2020, subject to the following:

#### **Minute 7: S/4615/18/OL – Landbeach (Land to the West of Cambridge Research Park, Beach Drive)**

An amendment to show that Councillor Judith Rippeth voted in favour of the application

rather than against it.

**Minute 6: - S/4002/19/VC – Fowlmere (Apple Acre Park, London Road)**

Under the heading 'Reason for objection, the word 'permanence' between the words 'permitted' and 'residence' should be 'permanent'.

**Attendance list**

An amendment to clarify that, in the absence of Councillor Pippa Heylings, Councillor Brian Milnes had been appointed as Vice-Chairman of the meeting.

**5. PUBLIC SPEAKING AT MEETINGS OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Planning Committee considered a report on proposed revisions to the scheme for public speaking at its meetings to reflect the requirement to operate virtually.

Members considered several technical issues and potential benefits related to video conferencing.

Councillor Heather Williams highlighted an inconsistency between paragraph 6 of the report and paragraph 4.1(d) in Appendix A. She additionally sought clarification, with reference to paragraph 4.3. The Joint Director of Planning and Economic Development acknowledged that there was a discrepancy between the wording in paragraph 4.1(d) and the current scheme, but indicated that the original wording could be reinstated if Members wished. He further advised that the wording of paragraph 4.3 was unchanged from the original scheme.

Councillor Heather Williams proposed that paragraph 4.1(d) of the proposed protocol for public speaking at meetings of the Planning Committee be amended so as to replicate the current scheme. This was seconded by Councillor Anna Bradnam and carried by the Committee by affirmation.

The Planning Committee unanimously **approved** the amended scheme for Public Speaking at Planning Committee meetings as set out in Appendix A, subject to amendment of paragraph 4.1(d), by adding the words "...or another Councillor appointed by them" so that it says "Local District Councillor(s) or another Councillor appointed by them".

**6. TO NOTE THE DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Members noted that, with the consent of the Chairman, two additional Planning Committee meetings had been called, as follows:

- Wednesday 20 May 2020 at 10.00am
- Tuesday 26 May 2020 at 2.00pm

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**The Meeting ended at 10.35 a.m.**

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