

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Wednesday, 6 June 2007 at 10.00 a.m.

Councillors:	RE Barrett	Mrs PM Bear
	BR Burling	TD Bygott
	Mrs PS Corney	Mrs CA Hunt
	SGM Kindersley	CR Nightingale
	Mrs DP Roberts	Mrs HM Smith
	RJ Turner	JF Williams

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Peter Burns (Solicitor), Catriona Dunnett (Principal Solicitor), David Grech (Conservation Area and Design Officer), Gareth Jones (Corporate Manager (Planning & Sustainable Communities)), Ray McMurray (Area Planning Officer), Melissa Reynolds (Area Two Planning Officer), David Rush (Development Control Quality Manager), Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer) and Paul Sexton (Area Planning Officer)

Councillors Dr DR Bard, JD Batchelor, Mrs VG Ford, Dr SA Harangozo and NIC Wright were in attendance, by invitation.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs JM Guest and Mrs SA Hatton.

**Councillor NIC Wright
(Planning Services Portfolio
Holder and outgoing
Chairman of the Planning
Committee) in the Chair.**

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor RJ Turner nominated Councillor Mrs PS Corney as Chairman of the Planning Committee. This was seconded by Councillor TD Bygott.

Councillor Mrs HM Smith nominated Councillor SGM Kindersley as Chairman of the Planning Committee. This was seconded by Councillor J Williams.

Councillors Mrs PS Corney and SGM Kindersley both consented to the nominations.

A secret ballot took place and the result was as follows:

Councillor Mrs PS Corney - 7 votes
Councillor SGM Kindersley - 5 votes

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs PS Corney be elected Chairman of the Planning Committee for 2007-08.

**Councillor Mrs Corney took
the Chair.**

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor RE Barrett nominated Councillor CR Nightingale as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs CA Hunt.

Councillor Mrs PM Bear nominated Councillor Mrs HM Smith as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee. This was seconded by Councillor SGM Kindersley.

Councillors CR Nightingale and Mrs HM Smith both consented to the nominations.

A secret ballot took place and the result was as follows:

Councillor CR Nightingale - 7 votes
 Councillor Mrs HM Smith - 5 votes

RESOLVED that Councillor CR Nightingale be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee for 2007-08.

3. GENERAL DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2007.

5. RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee considered the re-appointment of the Planning Sub-Committee.

Noting the recommendation that the Sub-Committee consist of five Members on a politically proportionate basis, Councillor SGM Kindersley proposed that it consist instead of seven. This was seconded by Councillor Mrs DP Roberts and, upon a show of hands and by seven votes to five, it was

RESOLVED

(1) That the Planning Sub-Committee consist of seven Members during 2007-08, as follows:

Conservatives (4)

Chairman of Planning Committee (Councillor Mrs PS Corney)
 Vice-Chairman of Planning Committee (Councillor CR Nightingale)
 Councillor RE Barrett
 Councillor Mrs J Guest

Liberal Democrats (2)

Councillor SGM Kindersley
 Councillor Mrs HM Smith

Independent (1)

Councillor Mrs SA Hatton

- (2) that the following Portfolio Holders be invited to each meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee: Councillor Dr DR Bard (Growth and Sustainable Communities), Councillor Mrs DSK Spink (Traveller Issues) and Councillor NIC Wright (Planning Services); and
- (3) that the Planning Sub-Committee note the schedule of meetings on the first Friday of each month (subject to cancellation), but that the meeting scheduled for Friday 6 July 2007 be brought forward to Monday 18 June and that no meeting be held on 6 July.

6. S/1018/06/F – WEST WRATTING (WADLOW FARM)

Prior to considering this application, Members attended a site visit on 4th June 2007. The Committee **REFUSED** the application, as amended by the Flood Risk Assessment and additional information date stamped 29th November 2006, for the reasons set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities).

Councillor JD Batchelor declared a personal interest as a Cambridgeshire County Councillor.

Councillor Mrs V Ford (a local Member) declared a personal interest by virtue of family involvement on both sides of the general debate relating to renewable energy, specifically wind power.

The following addressed the meeting:

- Paul Anderson, Chairman of Balsham Parish Council
- Sarah Copsey, Member of Great Wilbraham Parish Council
- Mark Russell, Chairman of West Wrattling Parish Council

Marcus Cornish, Chairman of West Wickham Parish Council, was also in attendance, but withdrew his request to address the Committee because his points had already been made.

7. S/0588/07/F - THRIPLow (LAND ADJACENT TO 8 WOBURN PLACE)

The Committee **APPROVED** the application, as amended by drawing number PC/07/05-04-rev A date stamped 16th May 2007, for the reasons set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities) and subject to the Conditions referred to therein.

8. S/0441/07/F – OVER (LAND ADJACENT 44 NEW ROAD)

Councillor CR Nightingale, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair for this item.

The Committee **APPROVED** the application, as amended by letter dated 10th April 2007 and plan ref. "Green House Retained Rev A" date stamped 13th April 2007, for the reasons set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities) and subject to the Conditions referred to therein.

9. S/0659/07/F – BAR HILL (TESCO STORES, VIKING WAY)

The Committee **APPROVED** the application for the reason set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities), subject to the Conditions referred to therein with Condition 3 amended to reflect the comments of the Corporate

Manager (Health and Environmental Services) . Members instructed officers to investigate with the applicant the issue of water recycling on site.

10. S/0306/07/F – FEN DRAYTON (20 PARK LANE)

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 cramped nature of the development, which resulted in it being out of keeping with the pattern of development in the immediate area, and its proximity to existing dwellings. As such, the development was contrary to Policies P1/3 and P5/5 of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 and Policies SE4 and HG10 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2004.

11. S/0565/07/F – COTON (4-11, 46-47 AND 50-53 SILVERDALE AVENUE)

Prior to considering this application, Members attended a site visit on 4th June 2007. 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 issues surrounding the car parking arrangements and access to the courtyard.

12. S/0698/07/F – CALDECOTE (2 DAMMS PASTURE, CLARE DRIVE)

The Committee **APPROVED** the application, as amended by letter and plan date stamped 25th March 2007, for the reasons set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities) and subject to the Conditions referred to therein.

13. S/0600/07/F – DUXFORD (6 THE GREEN)

Prior to considering this application, Members attended a site visit on 4th June 2007. The Committee gave officers **DELEGATED POWERS TO APPROVE** the application, for the reasons set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities), subject to clarification of floor plans, the Conditions referred to in the report and additional Conditions relating to landscaping and fencing.

14. S/0607/90/F – LITTLE GRANSDEN (GRANSDEN LODGE AIRFIELD)

The Committee **RESOLVED** that no objection be raised to a temporary variation of Condition 4 of planning consent reference S/0607/90/F so allowing up to 60 aero tows a day during the period from Saturday 18 August 2007 to Sunday 26 August 2007 inclusive. The Committee agreed that, in future years and subject to consent from the local Members, similar applications from the Cambridge Gliding Club should be considered at the Chairman's delegation meeting.

Councillor SGM Kindersley declared a personal interest as Cambridgeshire County Councillor for the Gamlingay Electoral Division, which includes the parish of Little Gransden.

15. S/0603/07/F – HARSTON (45 LONDON ROAD)

The Committee **APPROVED** the application for the reasons set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities), subject to the Conditions referred to therein.

16. S/0622/07/F - GIRTON (LAND ADJ 27 HICKS LANE)

The Committee **APPROVED** the application supported by plans PL (21) 02 stamped 27th March 2007 and plan PL (21) 03 and letter provided as additional information on 11th May 2007 for the reasons set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities), subject to clarification of vehicle-to-vehicle visibility splays with the Local Highways Authority and the Conditions referred to in the report, Condition 2 being re-worded to require the alterations to be maintained thereafter.

17. S/0703/07/F - LITTLE WILBRAHAM (THE OLD POST OFFICE, LONDON ROAD, SIX MILE BOTTOM)

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 that the proposal in this prominent position would be out of scale and keeping with the rural character of the village.

18. APPEALS AGAINST PLANNING DECISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Committee noted a report on Appeals against planning decisions and enforcement action and, in particular, a written summary of the decision relating to Mrs C Ward (Wind Turbine – Rookery Farm, Broadway, Bourn – Appeal allowed).

The Meeting ended at 2.20 p.m.
