

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Wednesday, 3 September 2008 at 2.00 p.m.

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

Councillors:	Mrs PM Bear	BR Burling
	TD Bygott	Mrs JM Guest
	Mrs SA Hatton	Mrs CA Hunt
	SGM Kindersley	MB Loynes
	RB Martlew	CR Nightingale
	Mrs DP Roberts	Mrs HM Smith

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Nigel Blazeby (Team Leader (West)), Gary Duthie (Senior Lawyer), Brian Heffernan (Environmental Protection Team Leader), Gareth Jones (Corporate Manager, Planning & Sustainable Communities), Melissa Reynolds (Team Leader (East)), David Rush (Development Control Manager) and Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer)

Councillors NCF Bolitho, RMA Manning, MJ Mason and TJ Wotherspoon were in attendance, by invitation.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors JF Williams, for whom Councillor R Martlew was present as substitute.

42. GENERAL DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors SGM Kindersley and RJ Turner declared personal interests as Cambridgeshire County Councillors especially in connection with Minute no. 44 – Cambridgeshire Guided Busway).

43. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

44. C/6/9/1A - CAMBRIDGESHIRE GUIDED BUSWAY (ARBURY PARK)

Councillor MJ Mason (a local Member for Histon and Impington) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **DISCHARGED** Condition 3(a)(i) (Arbury Park North bus stop) subject to the concerns of the Landscape Design Officer being addressed in relation to the species of planting and to the inclusion of fixed seats and toughened glass in the shelter. The Committee **DISCHARGED** Condition 3(a)(iv) (Pedestrian routes and Guideway intersection at Arbury Park) in relation to design and external appearance of pedestrian routes, subject to the Guideway Team considering a reduction in the height of the lighting columns from eight to six metres.

Councillors SGM Kindersley and RJ Turner declared personal interests as Cambridgeshire County Councillors.

45. S/0951/08/RG3 – CAMBOURNE (SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE HALL, CAMBOURNE BUSINESS PARK)

The Committee **APPROVED** the application, as amended on 18th August 2008, for the reasons set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities) and subject to the Conditions referred to therein.

Councillor Mrs P Bear declared a personal interest as a user of the car park at South Cambridgeshire Hall.

Councillors Mrs SA Hatton and Mrs DP Roberts voted to refuse the application.

46. S/0800/08/F – BOURN (THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON, 49 ALMS HILL)

Mrs Bradford (objector) and Jim Hansford (Bourn Parish Council) addressed the meeting.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee attended a site visit on 3 September 2008. The Committee **APPROVED** the application, a revised car parking layout having been received, subject to the Conditions referred to in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and Sustainable Communities) and additional Conditions relating to boundary treatment, signage indicating the location of the off-street parking area, and re-orientation of the disabled drivers' parking spaces therein.

Councillor M Loynes declared a personal interest as having attended the parish council meeting at which this item had been discussed. However, he had not contributed to that discussion, and was considering the matter afresh.

47. S/1017/08/F – COTTENHAM (UNIT J, BROAD LANE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BROAD LANE)

Graham Taylor (objector), Alison Hutchinson (Agent for the applicant), Rick Bristow (Chairman, Cottenham Parish Council) and Councillor N Bolitho (a local Member) addressed the meeting. Councillor Tim Wotherspoon (another local Member) attended the meeting but had to leave before this application was considered.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee attended a site visit on 3 September 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 continued evidence of noise in a rural location and the continuing adverse impact this was having on the occupiers of neighbouring properties, which was contrary to policies in the South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework 2007, including Policies DP/3, ET/5 and NE/15.

Councillor N Bolitho declared a personal interest because, in June 2007 a director of Whitfield Group (the applicant) had sought his professional advice in relation to a personal financial matter. Councillor Bolitho chose not to address the Planning Committee when it considered Unit J on 1 August 2007 (Minute 58 refers) but, having consulted the Council's Legal Service, was satisfied that he could address Members on the basis that he was not a member of the Planning Committee and did not have a vote.

48. S/1243/08/F – WILLINGHAM (THE OAKS, MEADOW ROAD)

Mr Buckley (applicant) and Councillor RMA Manning (a local Member) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **APPROVED** the retrospective application for a temporary period of three years in respect of the two caravans located towards the rear of the site. Approval was subject to Conditions relating to measures aimed at addressing the issues of surface and foul water drainage, and surface material of the access road. The applicant had withdrawn that part of the application relating to a third caravan towards the front of the site.

49. APPEALS AGAINST PLANNING DECISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

- Mr and Mrs J Kerley – Extensions and dependant relative accommodation – Thorp's Farm, Tipplers Road, Swavesey – Appeal allowed. Appellant's application for costs dismissed.

The Meeting ended at 5.15 p.m.
