

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Wednesday, 4 August 2010 at 2.00 p.m.

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

Councillors:	Val Barrett	Trisha Bear
	Brian Burling	Lynda Harford
	Sally Hatton	Sebastian Kindersley
	Mervyn Loynes	David McCraith (substitute)
	Charles Nightingale	Hazel Smith
	John F Williams	Nick Wright

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Paul Derry (Senior Planning Assistant), Gary Duthie (Senior Lawyer), Gareth Jones (Head of Planning), Michael Jones (Senior Planning Assistant), Ray McMurray (Principal Planning Officer (East)), Stephen Reid (Senior Planning Lawyer), Rosalind Richardson (Trees and Landscape Officer), Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer), Paul Sexton (Principal Planning Officer (West)) and Dan Smith (Planning Assistant)

Councillors Tom Bygott and Nigel Cathcart were in attendance, by invitation.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Deborah Roberts and Peter Topping.

39. GENERAL DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sebastian Kindersley declared a personal interest as an elected member of Cambridgeshire County Council.

40. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meetings held on 7 July 2010, subject to a correction being made to Minute 34 (S/0495/10/F - Horningsea (Church end house, Church End)) replacing the phrase "Members agreed the reason for refusal..." with the phrase "Members agreed the reason for *approval*..."

41. S/0927/10/F - GAMLINGAY (LAND TO THE NORTH WEST OF 24 WEST ROAD)

Tony Hutchison (applicant) addressed the meeting.

The Committee gave officers **delegated powers to approve** the application, contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities), subject to it being advertised as a Departure from the South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework 2007 to there being no objections received as a result and to it not being called in for determination. Members did not consider the application site to be cumulative development with the adjacent scheme and it should therefore be treated as an exception to Policy DP/5 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework 2007

Councillor Sebastian Kindersley declared a personal interest as having been present at Gamlingay Parish Council when this item was discussed, but confirmed that he was now

considering the matter afresh.

42. S/0731/10/F - GIRTON (LAND TO THE SOUTH EAST OF 1 HIGH STREET)

Nick Hawksworth (applicant) and Councillor Tom Bygott (a local member) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **approved** the application, contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities). Members agreed the reason for approval as being that the scale, siting and design of the dwelling would not have any significant detrimental impact on the character of the streetscene

43. S/0777/10/F - GREAT SHELFORD (LAND TO THE SOUTH WEST OF 21 HIGH GREEN)

Jonathan Dixon (applicant's agent) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **refused** the application for the reasons set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities), the wording of Reason 2 being corrected to confirm that number 23 High Green was cartilage listed and the wording of Reason 3 being amended to omit reference to loss of evening sunlight to no 19A High Green.

Councillor Charles Nightingale declared a personal interest as a member of Great Shelford Parish Council's Planning Committee.

44. S/0661/10/F - LANDBEACH (LAND TO THE WEST OF ENTERPRISE NURSERIES, ELY ROAD)

The Committee **approved** the application, subject to the Conditions referred to in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities) and an additional Condition controlling the removal of spoil from the site.

45. S/0856/10/F AND S/0857/10/LB - CALDECOTE (MANOR FARM, MAIN STREET)

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

46. S/1047/10/F - WHADDON (LAND NORTH WEST OF ROSE COTTAGE, CHURCH STREET)

Pete Wiseman (objector), William Allwood (applicant's agent), Dr Nigel Strudwick (Chairman, Whaddon Parish Council) and Councillor Nigel Cathcart (a local Member) addressed the meeting.

The Committee gave officers **delegated powers to approve** the application, subject to the outcome of discussion with the applicant to enhance the design of the proposal, contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities). Members agreed the reason for approval by saying that, while there were concerns about design, density and location, the need for affordable housing outweighed the detrimental impact on the village setting and adjacent Listed Building.

Councillor Nick Wright declared a personal interest as having attended a meeting about this issue with Cambridgeshire County Council as Planning Portfolio Holder.

47. APPEALS AGAINST PLANNING DECISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Committee received and noted a report on Appeals against planning decisions and enforcement action.

48. CAMBOURNE - DRAINAGE UPDATE

The Committee received a report summarising the drainage situation as at 26 July 2010.

The Meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.
