

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Wednesday, 2 November 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Councillors: Val Barrett Lynda Harford
Sally Hatton Tumi Hawkins
Caroline Hunt Sebastian Kindersley
Mervyn Loynes David McCraith
Charles Nightingale Deborah Roberts
Hazel Smith

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Nick Atkins (District Environmental Health Officer), Nigel Blazeby (Development Control Manager), Gary Duthie (Senior Lawyer), John Koch (Planning Team Leader (West)), Ray McMurray (Principal Planning Officer (East)), Corrie Newell (Principal Conservation Officer), Jason Parker (Planning Officer), Karen Pell-Coggins (Senior Planning Assistant), Stephen Reid (Senior Planning Lawyer), Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer), Dan Smith (Planning Officer) and Kate Wood (Planning Team Leader (East))

Councillors Richard Barrett, John Batchelor, Trisha Bear, Nigel Cathcart and Tony Orgee were in attendance, by invitation.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brian Burling.

100. GENERAL DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sebastian Kindersley declared a personal interest as an elected Member of Cambridgeshire County Council, a statutory consultee for all planning applications on the agenda.

101. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2011.

102. S/2256/10 - LINTON (NICHOLS COURT, FLAXFIELDS)

Geoff Bowen (objector), Enid Bald (Linton Parish Council) and Councillors John Batchelor and Trisha Bear (local district Councillors) addressed the meeting.

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

103. S/1699/11 - BALSAM (22-46 MAYS AVENUE)

Sarah Himsworth (Balsham Parish Council) and Councillor John Batchelor (local County Councillor) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **approved** the application subject to the prior completion of a Section 106 Legal Agreement securing the contributions of £18,013.35 (index linked) towards the off-

site provision of public open space and £720.80p towards other community infrastructure, both within the village of Balsham, and subject also to the Conditions set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities).

In the interests of transparency, Councillor Richard Barrett, a local Member in attendance and not a decision-making member of the Planning Committee, informed members of the Planning Committee that his daughter was a Council tenant in Mays Avenue.

104. S/1809/11 - HARDWICK (25 ST NEOTS ROAD)

Ian Storr (Hardwick Parish Council) addressed the meeting.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee viewed the site on 1 November 2011. The Committee gave officers **delegated authority to approve** the application subject to the Conditions referred to in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities) and an additional Condition, following consultation with the applicant, relating to extra car parking provision on the application site.

105. S/1516/11 - COTTENHAM (315 HIGH STREET)

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

Councillor Lynda Harford declared a personal interest as a member of Cottenham Parish Council. Though not present at the Parish Council's Planning Sub-Committee meeting at which this application had been considered, Councillor Harford said that she had subsequently discussed the revision with the Parish Council Chair but was now considering the matter afresh.

106. S/1715/11 - MILTON (14 FEN ROAD)

Christopher Logan (objector) and Paul Belton (applicant's agent) addressed the meeting.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee viewed the site on 1 November 2011. The Committee **approved** the application subject to the Conditions set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities) and an Informative requiring the retention of trees on the application site.

Councillor Hazel Smith declared a personal interest as a member of Milton Parish Council. Councillor Smith had been present at the Parish Council Planning meeting at which this application had been discussed, and had listened to the debate. However, she had not contributed to that debate or otherwise expressed an opinion, and was now considering the matter afresh.

107. S/0021/11 - SAWSTON (SAWSTON HALL)

Prior to considering this application, the Committee viewed the site on 1 November 2011. The Committee was **Minded to Approve** the application, subject to it being referred to the Secretary of State as a departure from the Development Plan and not called in by him for determination, to the prior completion of a Section 106 Legal Agreement requiring the site to be occupied as a single planning unit **and** to the Conditions referred to in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities).

Councillor Sally Hatton declared a personal interest as Chairman of Sawston Parish Council's Planning Committee, but added that she took no part in the debate there about

this application, and did not vote.

108. S/0893/11 - LT ABINGTON (SCOUT HUT, SCOUT CAMP SITE)

Roger Summerfield (objector), Lawrence Noble (supporter), Julia Gunning (Lt Abington Parish Council) and Councillor Tony Orgee (local member) addressed the meeting.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee viewed the site on 1 November 2011. The Committee gave officers **delegated authority to approve** the application subject to

1. Addressing concerns in relation to the design of the roof of the covered car parking area
2. the prior completion of a Section 106 legal agreement in relation to affordable homes contributions
3. Flooding and drainage issues being resolved
4. Site splay improvements being made
5. Materials of the buildings being agreed
6. agreement as to resiting of the buildings
7. Details of the security barrier being agreed

109. S/1929/11 - OVER (38 MILL ROAD)

The Committee **approved** the application subject to the receipt of any outstanding consultation responses and to the Conditions set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities).

Councillor Pippa Corney declared a personal and prejudicial interest because she is married to the applicant. Councillor Corney withdrew from the Chamber, took no part in the debate and did not vote.

Councillor Robert Turner took the Chair for this item.

110. S/1562/11 - BASSINGBOURN (FEN BRIDGE FARM)

Mr Paxman (applicant's agent), Simon Saggars (Bassingbourn Parish Council) and Councillor Nigel Cathcart (a local member) addressed the meeting.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee viewed the site on 1 November 2011. The Committee gave officers **delegated authority to approve** the application, contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities), subject to it not being called in by the secretary of State for his determination, and to safeguarding Conditions, including a Condition relating to highway safety. Members agreed the reason for approval as being that the proposal was not out of scale, did not have an adverse impact on nearby properties or the surrounding countryside, and achieved carbon neutrality.

111. S/1423/11 - DUXFORD (13 GRANGE ROAD)

Margaret Reali (objector) and Mr Parry (applicant's agent) addressed the meeting.

Prior to considering this application, the Committee viewed the site on 1 November 2011. The Committee **approved** the application subject to the Conditions and Informatives set out in the report from the Corporate Manager (Planning and New Communities) and an additional Condition relating to finished floor levels.

112. CALENDAR OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2012

Members **received and noted** a list of Planning Committee and site visit dates from January 2012 to January 2013 inclusive.

113. APPEALS AGAINST PLANNING DECISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

The Meeting ended at 1.05 p.m.
