

Details of Motion No. 52

made by Councillor Mrs VB Bishop

re: Committee Chairmen's Terms of Office

are no longer held by South Cambridgeshire District Council, but can be found in the minutes of
the Council meeting of

18 May 1989

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Details of Motion No. 53

made by Councillor R Page

re: Straw & Stubble Burning

are no longer held by South Cambridgeshire District Council, but can be found in the minutes of
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28 September 1989

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NOTICE OF MOTION To COUNCIL 9TH NOVEMBER 1989

To consider the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Dr. C.M. Attwood :-

Proposed Golf Facilities : West Wrattling

Arising out of the consideration of planning application No. S.2703/88/F West Wrattling : Golf Course with overnight accommodation by the Planning Committee on the 4th October 1989 [See Minute No. 3.01 (c)] I would strongly urge that the final determination of this application be undertaken by full Council for the following reasons :-

- (i) It is a departure from policies 5/7 and 14/3 of the Approved Structure Plan;
- (ii) It ^{does not comply with} ~~vitiates~~ policies R2 and R4 of the Deposit Draft Local Plan;
- (iii) There ^{were} ~~was a~~ positive recommendations for refusal by Council officers, and
- (iv) There is opposition from West Wrattling people, including the Parish Council.

Consequently, I beg to move,

"That Council hereby withdraws delegated powers of approval from the Planning Committee for the determination of Planning Application No. S.2703/88/F only".

Motion to Council. 11th January 1990.


Bearing in mind that strict conditions apply to developments adjacent to newly constructed Motorways, usually exclusively related to highway functions e.g. Garages, Catering Services and Overnight accommodation etc...

and " " " that the A.1 to M.1 Link road will form part of a massive highway from the Channel Tunnel to Scotland via the A.1, the M.1 or M.6 and bypassing London on the M.25 from the nearest route north from the Dartford Tunnel and Bridge i.e. The M.11 and A.604 passing through the South Cambs District

I beg to Move:-

"That for the safety of the residents of the South Cambs District, this Council requests the Secretary of State for Transport to prohibit all developments, other than those connected with the Highway uses mentioned above, on the M.11 and A604 in this District until 12 months subsequent to the opening of the A.1 to M.1 Link road now under construction in order that proper monitoring can be effected.

The Members of South Cambs District Council consider it essential to avoid the conflict of local uses with motorway traffic until traffic flows are known, and Members express the hope that the Secretary of State will appreciate the wisdom of this request. It would be unfortunate to give consent now to a variety of conflicting uses introducing massive motorway accidents which could have been avoided by a deferment until all factors are known.


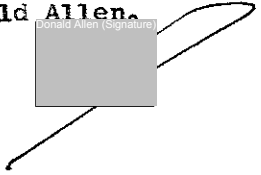
Donald Allen (Signature)


2nd Jan 1990

To Chief Executive,
South Cambs D.C

Please send above to Dept of Transport. (for the attention of
(address as for D.of E) Mrs L.Daly.
Heron House, 49-51 Goldington Rd.
Bedford .M.K.40 3.LL.

From Donald Allen.

NOTICE OF MOTION 1/3/1990

To consider the following Notice of Motion
standing in the name of Councillor Mrs.
M. Bradley (Signature) :-

In view of the

The recent increase in gypsy caravans on 'self-help' sites at Willingham could be prejudicial to this Council's claim for designation as County Policy is to review site provision where the local traveller population increases due to family growth. Also, the Dept. of the Environment are reluctant to give designation where there are unauthorised sites as this indicates to them that total provision is inadequate.

Council is requested to resolve:

- 1) that representations should be made to the County Council ~~seeking an~~ to seeking an amendment to Gypsy Policy, particularly in relation to "family growth"
- 2) that the Dept. of the Environment should be urged not to grant retrospective planning permission on appeal for unauthorised sites, as adequate provision in this District has been made,
- 3) that the Association of District Councils ~~should~~ be requested for assistance with this problem.

MOTION TO COUNCIL FROM MRS BRADLEY

GYPSIES IN SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

This Council is now going through the process of applying for Designation as it considers that it has now made "adequate provision for gypsies residing in or habitually resorting to its area."

In the past it has been the view of the D of E that if there are unauthorized gypsy sites in a District then that District has not made "adequate provision". It is a negative number and a Catch 22 situation.

East Cambridgeshire District Council recently had the unfortunate experience of having its application for Designation delayed because 6 gypsies moved into its area. After vigorous representation, the Secretary of State acknowledged that

"...with an overall increase in the number of gypsies in this area East Cambridgeshire District is now acting as a magnet to gypsies who, in seeking accommodation, face little prospect of having their need met in adjacent authorities. In these circumstances, the Secretary of State is minded to designate East Cambridgeshire District Council on the grounds that it is not expedient for adequate provision to be made for the accommodation of gypsies residing in, or resorting to, the district of East Cambridgeshire."

SCDC finds itself in almost the same situation and this point has been made most strongly by our officers in an informal meeting with the D of E prior to our application.

A very worrying aspect is our vulnerability in this the interim period between applying for Designation and actually getting it.

County Council Policy 10.4 states "... the Council will keep its site programme under constant review and, where the local Traveller population increases (for instance, by family growth) it will consider providing additional pitches if necessary."

The number of "self help" sites (much favoured by the D of E) is also increasing.

In August 1989 the Planning Committee gave its approval to the establishment of a 15 pitch, LA Warden-controlled gypsy site in Meadow Road, Willingham. At the time I did urge Members not to approve it as Willingham's 4 "self-help" sites were already increasing in size owing to "family growth" and there was visible evidence that more land had been purchased and was being prepared for further "self help" sites.

Regrettably, this is coming true. The following table demonstrates this:

Authorized site	Authorized caravans	Unauthorized caravans
Wesson site with	2	3
Webb "	1	2
Buckley "	3	3
Coates "	3	2
Priest Lane	2	2
Grass verge		
"self help" being established		2
Totals	11	14

On 14 February the Planning Committee approved the serving of stop notices on the owners of 2 "self help" sites which are in the process of being built.

This situation could well repeat itself throughout our District.

THE SITUATION AS AT FEBRAURY 1990

At present we are applying for Designation and keeping our MPs well informed about our progress and any action we are taking against unacceptable site provision. However, I still feel we need more help. The stop notices and any resultant legal action will certainly be welcome but I am not convinced that this will be enough to give us long-term protection.

I would therefore suggest:

- a) that we urge the County County to amend its Gypsy Policy with a view to sharpening it up. For example, "family growth" ought to be defined.
- b) that we continue to urge our MPs to put pressure on Central Government to amend its Caravan Sites Act. At present it is being interpreted in such a way that development control of gypsy sites is being wrested from District Councils. Gypsies choose where to live, they establish themselves and then apply for planning permission. If they are refused initially, retrospective planning applications are almost invariably being allowed on appeal. The distribution of gypsy sites is therefore getting out of balance and communities are suffering as a result.
- c) that we ask the ADC to assist us in any way they can.