

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Wednesday, 9 May 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Councillors:	Val Barrett	Trisha Bear
	Brian Burling	Lynda Harford
	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:

David Bevan (Conservation Manager), Nigel Blazeby (Development Control Manager), Chris Collison (Interim Head of Planning), Gary Duthie (Senior Lawyer), Saffron Garner (Senior Planning Assistant), Michael Jones (Northstowe Principal Planning Officer), John Koch (Planning Team Leader (West)), Karen Pell-Coggins (Senior Planning Assistant), Andrew Phillips (Planning Officer), Stephen Reid (Senior Planning Lawyer), Ian Senior (Democratic Services Officer) and Kate Wood (Planning Team Leader (East))

Councillors Ray Manning, Cicely Murfitt, Robin Page and Alex Riley were in attendance, by invitation.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors and from .

178. 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.

179. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2012, subject as follows:

Min. 162 - S/2317/11 - Cottenham (Beach Road)

The draft Minute stated that Councillor Lynda Harford did not contribute to the debate and did not vote. In fact she provided such information as was required. The confirmed Minute would therefore include the following declaration of interest:

“Councillor Lynda Harford declared a personal interest as a member of Cottenham Parish Council. She had attended the Planning Sub-Committee meeting at which this application had been discussed, provided information during the course of the debate, but did not vote.”

180. S/0268/12 - HASLINGFIELD (18 FOUNTAIN LANE)

Councillor Robin Page (local Member) addressed the meeting.

The Committee gave officers delegated powers to approve the application, subject to the prior completion of a Section 106 Legal Agreement and the Conditions referred to in the

report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

Councillor Sebastian Kindersley declared an interest as Cambridgeshire County Councillor for the Gamlingay Electoral Division, which includes the parish of Haslingfield.

181. S/0364/12 - HISTON (1 COTTENHAM RD)

Lawrie Gray (objector), Colin Brown (applicant's agent), Max Parish (Histon & Impington Parish Council) and, at the Chairman's invitation, Mike Mason (immediate past local Member) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **approved** the application subject to the applicant paying the Council's costs in preparing, and completing, a Deed of Variation of the Section 106 Legal Agreement relating to a contribution towards community infrastructure, a Section 106 monitoring fee and refuse bin fee, additional to the original obligation to contribute to the provision of off-site public open space, and to the Conditions referred to in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

182. S/0458/12 - IMPINGTON (LAND WEST OF MERRINGTON PLACE)

The Committee **approved** the application as amended by plan no.2009H dated stamped 13 April 2012, Planning Design and Access Statement and Deed of Variation Agreement date stamped 16 April 2012, and the Conditions set out in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

183. S/0464/12 - HISTON (49 STATION ROAD)

The Committee **approved** the application subject to the Conditions and Informatives referred to in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

184. S/2290/10 - LONGSTANTON (53 WOODSIDE)

Councillor Alex Riley (local Member) addressed the meeting.

The Committee gave officers **delegated powers to approve** the application, subject to the receipt of comments from Anglian Water updating their previous consultation response, the prior completion of a Section 106 Legal Agreement relating to Affordable Housing, education contributions, public open space and public art, and the Conditions referred to in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

185. S/2455/11 - MELBOURN (117A HIGH STREET)

The Committee approved the application subject to the prior completion of a Section 106 Legal Agreement and the Conditions referred to in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

Councillor Val Barrett declared a personal interest as a member of Melbourn Parish Council.

186. S/0102/12 - MILTON (R/O 53 CAMBRIDGE ROAD)

The Committee refused the application contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director. Members agreed the reason for refusal as being that the dwelling, by reason of its design, scale and form, would be out of keeping with the character of the area.

Councillor Lynda Harford declared a personal interest because of her acquaintance (by virtue of her job) with the applicant.

Councillor Hazel Smith declared a personal interest as a member of Milton Parish Council which owns the access road to the application site. Councillor Smith was present when the Parish Council discussed the matter, but was now considering the matter afresh. She did not consider the interest to be prejudicial.

187. S/0239/12 - PAPWORTH EVERARD (UNIT 1, PAPWORTH BUSINESS PARK)

Dr. Chris Howlett (Papworth Everard Parish Council) addressed the meeting.

The Committee approved the application (as amended by e-mail on 22 March 2012) subject to the Conditions set out in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

188. S/0371/12 - SAWSTON (9 BABRAHAM RD)

Tim Brading (applicant's agent) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **approved** the application subject to the Conditions and Informatives set out in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

189. S/0606/12 - STEEPLE MORDEN (11 CHURCH FARM)

Don Proctor (applicant's agent) addressed the meeting.

The Committee approved the application subject to the prior completion of a Section 106 Legal Agreement relating to an off-site public open space contribution, and provision of community space and waste recepticals, Conditions set out in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director and a further Condition relating to floor levels.

190. S/0346/12 AND S/0347/12/LB - GREAT WILBRAHAM (ROOKERY FARM BARN, FROG END) - WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

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

191. S/0804/12 - WATERBEACH (REAR OF 54 WAY LANE)

Don Proctor (applicant's agent) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **approved** the application contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director. Members agreed the reason for approval as being that the erection of a dwelling would not introduce a level of activity and sense of proximity that would be alien within this locality, and would not spoil the general sense of privacy and seclusion to the rear garden of No.54 Way Lane. Members considered that the site provided a satisfactory building plot for a dwelling that would not result in a detrimental impact upon the amenity, sense of place and character for the surrounding inhabitants.

192. S/0185/12 - WATERBEACH (64A CAMBRIDGE ROAD)

The Committee **approved** the application subject to the Conditions and Informatives referred to in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director.

193. S/0366/12 - THRIPLow (ADJ. WOBURN MEWS AND WOBURN PLACE)

Derek Pinner (Thriplow Parish Council) addressed the meeting.

The Committee **refused** the application contrary to the recommendation in the report from the Planning and New Communities Director. Members agreed the reason for refusal as being that the form, design and scale of the proposed dwellings in such a significant location would have a negative impact on the Heathfield estate as a whole.

194. S/0097/12 - WILLINGHAM (MEADOW ROAD)

The Committee **deferred** the application pending the receipt of an Appeal decision about a related site.

Councillor Deborah Roberts withdrew to the public gallery on the basis of legal advice that, were she to contribute to the consideration of the matter, any decision made could be challenged on the basis of bias. Deferral was proposed by the Chairman and agreed without debate.

195. PUBLIC FOOTPATH: HORSEHEATH 7, PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PART

The Committee **resolved** that an Order be made under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to divert part of Public Footpath No.7, Horseheath, from A-B-E to A-C-D-E, as described in Cambridgeshire County Council's Synopsis, and shown on the plan.. The width of the diverted route would be 2 metres. The Committee further resolved that, should it be possible to gain the landowner's consent to divert the footpath from the line A-B-E-G to the line A-C-DF-G without delaying a diversion order then this should be done instead.

196. PUBLIC FOOTPATH: OAKINGTON 7, EXTINGUISHMENT OF PART

The Planning Committee **confirmed** the Extinguishment of part of Public Footpath no. 7 in Oakington, as indicated on the plan prepared by Cambridgeshire County Council and attached to the report.

197. APPEALS AGAINST PLANNING DECISIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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

198. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Planning Committee **received and noted** the Minutes of the Planning Enforcement Sub-Committee meetings held on 27 May, 21 July and 17 November 2010, and 16 March, 26 May and 23 November 2011.

The Meeting ended at 1.00 p.m.
