PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 28th October 2015 at 7.30pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey

Present: Cllr Mrs Jolley, Mrs Laws, Mrs Mayor, Miscandlon, Whitwell, Mrs Windle.

Officer in Attendance: Mrs Sue Evans – Town Clerk

P86/15. To receive apologies from absent Members.

Cllr Butcher (personal), Cllr Bristow (holiday)

P87/15. To confirm and sign the Minutes from the last meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 12th October 2015

Ratified: The Minutes were approved.

P88/15. Declaration of Members Interests

Councillors Mrs Laws and Miscandlon as members of FDC Planning Committee advised that should planning applications be discussed they may comment, but reserve the right to change their minds should more information become available at a later date.


To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time allowed 15 minutes total.

4 members of the public present.

Graham Walker – Architect for 6 Bassenhally Road, Whittlesey. Mr Walker advised that in June 2015 they had submitted paperwork for 2 houses, the application was approved by WTC, but refused by FDC due to the effect on the street scene, the new submission is for 1 single bungalow served off the same access with rooms in the roof space, a meeting has been held with Rebecca Norman who has confirmed it is in character with other properties. There is another piece of land which is to the East of this and the same access could be used for an additional 2 dwellings, but no decision has been made with regards to these additional dwellings and so far no planning permission has been submitted.

P90/15. Presentation from Lou Mason-Walsh Principal Transport Officer, Major Developments, Cambridgeshire County Council.

Mrs Lou Mason Walsh was unable to attend due to ill health, but has agreed to attend the November meeting.

P91/15 – Presentation from Mr M Woolaston on planning application - F/YR0636/RM – Reserved matters application relating to the detailed matters of layout, scale, appearance, and landscaping pursuant to outline permission F/YR14/0365/O (residential development (150 dwellings max) with associated infrastructure) comprising of 144 x 2 storey dwellings, 7 x 1 bed, 23 x 2 bed, 38 x 3 bed and 71 x 4 bed and 5 x 5 bed with garages and associated infrastructure) at Land North of Snowley Park and Glenfields, Whittlesey

Mr Woolaston was unable to attend this meeting, Cllr Mrs Laws advised she thought he had submitted his comments to FDC and they were on their website.

P92/15. To consider planning applications received from Fenland District Council for comment, including:-

Question for every planning application - Does it meet the criteria of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, Building Safe and Designing out Fire.
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Cllr Mrs Laws advised that an enforcement officer had been out to site and the work stopped yesterday 27th October 2015 at 1.30, however hedges have been destroyed and possibly endangered species killed, she is not sure whether a stop has been put on the site.

Cllr Mrs Mayor felt that the highways issues have not been taken into consideration.

Cllr Whitwell stated that in view of latest evidence that has been produced by the Environment Agency and the additional information provided by the flood warden group, it would be prudent to refuse this application.

Cllr Whitwell recommended refusal, seconded by Cllr Mrs Windle, unanimous in favour of refusal, 2 abstentions, Cllr Miscandlon and Mrs Laws abstained from the vote due to their position on FDC Planning Committee.

F/YR15/0790/F- Erection of 3 x 3 bed single storey dwelling and garages at Land East of 3 to 9 Linley Road, Whittlesey – Revised Proposals – Revision is brick wall on Southern Boundary retained and lowered to 600mm high for first 2m to allow for visibility.
The town council have no objection and therefore recommend approval, proposed Cllr Mrs Mayor, seconded Cllr Mrs Windle, unanimous vote in favour. Cllr Miscandlon and Mrs Laws abstained from the vote due to their position on FDC Planning Committee.

F/15/0881/F – Erection of a single storey 2 bed dwelling with attached garage – Land South of 101 Stonald Road, Whittlesey.
The town council recommend refusal on this application due to the limitations on the number of dwellings for Owens Gardens and also the splay exiting onto Stonald Road. If the Refuse vehicle is unable to access Owens Gardens, what waste disposal conditions are in place for these properties as the owners will have to walk further that the 30M regulations that are a separate supplement that works within the guide lines of FDC Local Plan. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Mayor, seconded Cllr Whitwell Unanimous vote in favour of refusal. Cllr Miscandlon and Mrs Laws abstained from the vote due to their position on FDC Planning Committee.

F/YR15/0893/F – Change of use from 1 x 4 bed dwelling to 1 x 2 bed and 2 x 1 bed flats – 23 Whitmore Street, Whittlesey
The Town council have no objection and therefore recommend approval, proposed Cllr Mrs Windle, seconded Cllr Whitwell, unanimous vote in favour. Cllr Miscandlon and Mrs Laws abstained from the vote due to their position on FDC Planning Committee.

F/YR15/0894/F – Erection of a 2 storey side extension to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing conservatory – 79 Bassenhally Road, Whittlesey
The Town council have no objection and therefore recommend approval, proposed Cllr Mrs Mayor, seconded Cllr Whitwell, unanimous vote in favour. Cllr Miscandlon and Mrs Laws abstained from the vote due to their position on FDC Planning Committee.

F/YR15/0898/F – Erection of a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing conservatory - 27 Whiteacres, Whittlesey
The Town council have no objection and therefore recommend approval, proposed Cllr Mrs Mayor, seconded Cllr Whitwell, unanimous vote in favour. Cllr Miscandlon and Mrs Laws abstained from the vote due to their position on FDC Planning Committee.

F/YR15/0899/F – Erection of a single storey 3 bed and a single storey 4 bed dwelling with detached garages involving the demolition of existing dwelling – 27 Drybread Road, Whittlesey.
The Town council recommend refusal on the grounds of over intensification of site, and not sufficient amenity space, proposed Cllr Mrs Mayor, seconded Cllr Mrs Windle. Unanimous vote in favour. Cllr Miscandlon and Mrs Laws abstained from the vote due to their position on FDC Planning Committee.
F/YR15/0908/F – Erection of a 2 storey 4/6 bed dwelling and formation of 2 parking spaces to serve 6 Bassenhally Road, involving demolition of existing outbuildings – Land South of 6 Bassenhally Road, Whittlesey.

The town council have no objection and therefore recommend approval, however they do have concerns over the access onto the Morton Fork Crossroads F/YR15/0507. Proposed Cllr Mrs Mayor, seconded Cllr Whitwell, unanimous vote in favour. Cllr Miscandlon and Mrs Laws abstained from the vote due to their position on FDC Planning Committee. Cllr Mrs Mayor requested that the comment made previously was also included in this response. The comment from July was ‘recommend approval subject to the condition that traffic management controls are in place on entry and exit to the site).

Information for the Planning Committee.

APP/DO515/w/15/3131650 – F/YR14/0242/F Erection of a single storey 2 bed dwelling – Land North of 60 Stonald Road, Whittlesey - The Clerk to send the same letter to the Planning Inspectorate at Temple Quays.

P84/15. Agenda items for update and discussion

- Neighbourhood Plan – Update 17th November 10.30 which is a brainstorming session.

P85/15. Date of next meeting – 25th November 2015

Meeting Closed: 21.15

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Cllr Mrs R Jolley
Chairman
Planning Committee

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Cllr Mrs Rita Jolley
Chairman