

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 24th February 2016 at 7.30pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey

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

Officer in attendance: Mrs S Evans – Town Clerk

Recording: DS2500.45.DS2

P08/16 To receive apologies from absent Members.

Cllr Mrs Windle (Work), Cllr Butcher (unwell)

P9/16 To confirm and sign the Minutes from the last meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 27th January 2016

Ratified: The Minutes were approved.

The last bullet point on the above minutes state the Showfield and should say Snowley Park and Glenfields.

P10/16 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.

P11/16 Public Forum.

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

There was one member of the public present.

P12/16 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.

F/YR16/0069/F – Erection of a 2.075m wall involving the demolition of part of existing curtilage listed rear boundary wall – Falcon Hotel, 1 London Street, Whittlesey

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR16/0070/LB – Erection of a 2.075m wall involving the demolition of part of existing curtilage listed rear boundary wall – Falcon Hotel, 1 London Street, Whittlesey

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR16/0071/F – Erection of a conservatory to front of existing dwelling – 26 Snowley Park, Whittlesey.

The Town Council recommend refusal on this application as it is outside of the building line and out of character with the existing street scene and also contradicts the NPPF and Fenland District Local Plan due to loss of amenity space.

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F/YR16/0080/F – Erection of a 2 storey 4r bed dwelling involving the demolition of existing dwelling and temporary siting of a mobile home during construction – Flegg House, 51 Turning Tree Road, Whittlesey.

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR16/0081/F – Erection of a single storey front extension and formation of a new vehicular access to existing dwelling – 3 West End, Whittlesey

The Town Council have no objections to the build itself other than highways may need to be consulted concerning access to the A605. There is no rear access to the bungalow and direct access to the A605 is given to the immediate neighbour Albany House

F/YR16/0095/F – Erection of a part 2 storey, part single storey side extension to existing dwelling, involving conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation – 44 Cemetery Road, Whittlesey.

The Council have concerns about the Lime Tree on adjoining property (located in the cemetery which has a TPO 02/91 T2), Will the development on 44 Cemetery Road affect the spread pattern of the roots, please could the tree officer be consulted if not already done so.

P13/16. Agenda items for update and discussion

- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mrs Laws advised that the first meeting had been completed and felt it wasn't prudent to arrange another meeting until we had established some further information, Cllr Mrs Laws had been in touch with a specialist in town planning and community partnerships who is based in London. He will not charge us but WTC will have to contribute to his travel expenses, he will be explaining how he brings partnerships together for example (to gain a bypass). Cllr Mrs Laws is waiting for confirmation of a date from him before arranging the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Mayor suggested that all parties that had attended the last meeting be contacted by Cllr Mrs Laws advising what the current position is with the Neighbourhood Plan. Members were advised the Mr Brian Smithyman has offered the Christian Church as a venue for any public consultations. Cllr Mrs Laws has also approached a very experienced Planning Consultant, however very expensive and advised we may be able to obtain funding from Government, in the interim Cllr Mrs Laws advised that the Neighbourhood Plan may need a temporary loan to move forward, but would repay the council. Cllr Mrs Laws is endeavouring to get the specialist from London to come in March; we could look at a twelvemonth plan to get the questionnaires out to every household in the town and villages.
- The Clerk advised members that she already has 6 applications in the office, members agreed to hold an additional meeting which will be Tuesday 8th March at 2.00.

P14/16 Date of next meeting – 23rd March 2016

Meeting Closed: 8.30

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Cllr Mrs Jolley
Chairman