

Whittlesey Town Council

Planning Meeting

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Monday 15th May 2017 at 7.30pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey

Present: Cllr Mrs Rita Jolley, Butcher, Bristow, Whitwell, Miscandlon

Officer in Attendance: Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording: DS2500117.DS2

P54/17 – Election of the Chairman.

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman for the next 12 months, one nomination was received, Cllr Miscandlon proposed Cllr Mrs Jolley, seconded Cllr Whitwell with a unanimous vote in favour.

P55/17 – Election of the Vice Chairman.

Cllr Mrs Jolley asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for the next 12 months, one nomination was received Cllr Butcher proposed Cllr Whitwell, seconded Cllr Bristow, unanimous vote in favour.

P56/17. To receive apologies for absence from members.

Cllr Windle (work engagement), Cllr Mrs Laws & Cllr Mrs Mayor (FDC)

P57/17. To confirm and sign minutes from the last meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 24th April 2017.

Ratified: The Minutes were approved.

P58/17. Declaration of member's interests.

Cllr Miscandlon as a member of FDC Planning Committee advised that should planning applications be discussed he may comment, but reserve the right to change his mind should more information become available later.

P59/17. Public Forum.

To allow members of the public to address the Council. Time allowed 15 mins total.

One member of the public present.

Mr Steve Robertson – wanted to raise anomalies as he sees it in FDC planning / enforcement. This was a change of use of a business that had not applied for planning in a neighbouring Parish, however he is aware that a similar change had taken place to a business in Whittlesey, but they did not need planning as it was classed as change of use. Also, there is a developer in Whittlesey who removed a hedge during nesting season and erected a wall with the consent of FDC enforcement and surely that shouldn't have been allowed.

Mr Robertson also asked for clarification on why a local Kennel could also advertise as a cattery as well with no planning application in place, or change of use.

The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow a response from the council.

Point 1. Cllr Miscandlon advised that every planning application is decided on its own merits, there is no precedent.

Point 2. Cllr Miscandlon advised that no alternative planning permission is needed for cats or dogs.

The meeting was restarted.

P60/17. To consider Planning Applications received from FDC for comments including :- Questions for every planning application – Does it meet the criteria of the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, building safe and designing out fire.

F/YR17/0278/LB -Internal works to a listed building – 10 Claygate, Whittlesey.

Email from Mr Sandeep Bains FDC advising to withdraw application as there are numerous revisions being sent in.

F/YR17/0331/F – Erection of a 2 storey rear extension and single storey side extension and single storey front extension (for car port) to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing single story extension – 293 Benwick Road, Whittlesey

The town council have no objection and therefore support this application.

F/YR17/0334/f – Erection Of a 2 storey side extension, a first floor side extension and conversion of part of garage to living accommodation to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing conservatory. – 15 Charles Road, Whittlesey

The Town Council recommend refusal as the dwelling with the proposed extensions is not in keeping with the current street scene. The proposed property will also dominate the site and surrounding area.

F/YR17/0350/F – Erection of a 2 storey extension for office use, to existing workshop – The Old Barn, Ramsey Road, Whittlesey.

The Town Council have no objection and support this application.

P61/17 – Additional agenda items & Information.

Paperless Plans – response from FDC – No response received.

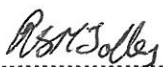
Tree works consultations – response from FDC – Members were given a copy of the report (see below) members requested an email be sent to Mr Nick Harding advising that WTC still would reserve the right to challenge any report if there is just cause.

‘Having looked at the issue, it appears that our notification letter is not as it should be as it shouldn’t refer to the FDC tree officer report. The FDC tree officer / consultant will not have assessed and commented on the application at the time you are consulted and so the report would never be sent to you as part of the consultation. We’ve updated the letter accordingly and I’d like to thank you for bringing this error to our notice’.

Anarobic Digester at Horsey Toll – Cllr Butcher advised the company applying for planning, have been asked many questions by PCC and CCC and are yet to respond to those questions, therefore there is no further movement with this.

P62/17 Date of next meeting 7th June 2017.

Meeting Closed: 8.20



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Cllr Mrs Rita Jolley
Chairman
Planning Committee

