Whittlesey Town Council

Planning Committee

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 7.30pm at Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Road, Whittlesey

Present: Mrs Jolley, Miscandlon, Butcher, Mrs Laws, Whitwell, Mrs Windle, Dorling, Mrs Kay Mayor, Bristow

Officer in Attendance

Mrs Sue Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

Recording:

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P01/19. To receive apologies for absence from members.

Cllr Mason (unwell)

P02/19. To confirm and sign minutes from the last meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 5th December 2018.

Ratified: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record

P03/19. Declaration of member’s interests.

Cllr Bristow – Personal interest P05/19 – he requested that standing orders are suspended if Cllr Connor was to speak.

Cllr Connor – would speak but not as chairman of planning committee, but as a local member, he will not take part in any discussions at CCC planning should this go to CCC planning.

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 later

P04/19. Public Forum. - To allow members of the public to address the Council. Time allowed 15 mins total.

There were no members of the public present.


Mr Garford advised members there will be heavy refurbishment to the existing school, the extension will provide 8 new class rooms and a main hall. The highways have been challenging, however they have now received agreement with them (last week in December, August 2018 highways recommended the scheme for refusal siting lack of turning area, since then additional junction analysis and parking surveys, this demonstrates that there is enough capacity in the existing infrastructure to service New Road Primary School. The number of children being enrolled at New Road will be phased. (Sept 2019 – 130, Sept 2020 – 141, Sept 2021 – 151 and Sept 2022 – 160). Additional cycle and scooter parking as part of the new site. Provision of dedicated turning area,
agreement with FDC and CCC to use the Lattersey Nature car park. Extension of the public footpath to the Nature reserve car park. New pedestrian crossing at the end of the site. New entrance allowing two vehicles to pass. Manor Leisure Centre Car park for 'Park and Stride'. Traffic from the children's centre will cease as they are moving to the Scallegate centre. Construction work will start February 2019 half term. To meet this start date, they need to have the application approved by CCC and therefore ask for support from Whittlesey Town Council.

Cllr Bristow – a lot of omissions from the paperwork, there is no mention of the allotments that are opposite the school, no mention that most of the development is North of the A605, numerous planning permission granted in the villages. FDC plan identified 3,500 to 5,000 in March, the route from march to Peterborough is via the A605, no mention of the traffic congestion around SHS. To expect children from Whittlesey Green to walk to SHS to cross the crossing, then back down Millfield Road, Mill way, onto New Road, then cross Bellman's Road. Traffic survey but no separation between domestic vehicles and HGV's, construction vehicles, articulated lorries, there is no pedestrian crossing on Station Road, Inhams Road or New Road. Staff from care homes park on New Road, terraced premises and elderly living complex in new road receiving visitors must park on the main road. The current transport that drops and collects from New Road, stops on Bellmans and will not turn left, therefore children have a reduced day as they have to leave New Road School early. The proposed turning area at Lattersey can only accommodate 6 cars, if people have parked in the car park.

Jonathan Digby advised admissions criteria has changed, the parish is now the catchment area, Cllr Bristow stated that New Road is the least popular.

Cllr Boden advised everyone supports the school, we need to encourage more children to walk to school, need a gate at the far North East side of the site though the Bellmans housing estate reduces the potential for children to walk a shorter distance to school. We must manage the issues regarding access to New Road in a better way.

Cllr Dorling asked why the McCain's cannot be used for parking, Cllr Connor advised he has been in discussions regarding this area, unfortunately McCain's won't just sell a portion of the field as this project only needs 0.7 hectares, the cost to purchase the whole site is 137K

Councillors engaged in lengthy conversations regarding the condition of this area, Cllr Connor was asked to organise bore holes into ascertain the level of contamination. Cllr Connor will liaise with The Clerk and organise the wording to support the request. The letter to be sent to Josh Schumann and Steve Count.

In summary members repeated the reasons that had been submitted previously, those being, they were in favour of the school but have concerns about traffic and highway issues. The Town Council do not accept the highways findings and finally the WTC await the findings from the bore holes on the adjacent field which will ascertain the levels of contamination.

This application maybe determined either on the 24th January or 20th February at CCC planning, this will push the start date back.

9.10 Cllr Connor, Boden and Dorling, Mr Garford, Mr Digby and Miss German left the meeting.

P05/19. 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/YR18/1093/F – Erection of single-storey front and rear extensions and first floor side window to existing dwelling involving demolition of existing conservatory and sun room at Partridge Farm 301 New Road, Whittlesey

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.
F/YR18/1094/F – Erection of a single storey extension to rear of dwelling included conversion of garage to living accommodation and removal of existing conservatory at 3 Peakes Drive, Coates.  
The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR18/1105/F – Erection of storage building (B2) and formation of extensions to existing hardstanding area at KDS Limited, Canters Doles Farm, Crease Bank, Whittlesey.  
The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR18/1113/0 – Erection of 1 x 2 bed and 1 x 3 bed dwellings (outline application with matters committed in respect of access, layout and scale) at Land East of 10 Burnthouse Road, Turves.  
The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR18/1134/F – Erection of single storey rear and front extensions to existing dwelling at 3 Love Lane, Whittlesey.  
The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

P06/19 – Additional Information.

F/YR18/0989/F – Erection of 2no, 2 Storey, 3no bed dwellings at Land North East of 31 – 35 New Road, Whittlesey. – The application has been withdrawn.

P07/19 Date of next meeting Monday 21st January 2019

Meeting Closed: 21.17

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Cllr Mrs Rita Jolley
Chairman
Planning Committee