



WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on
1 May 2012 at 7 30 pm in the Parish Office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road

Present: Councillors: Cook, Purnell, Pake, Jones (Chair), Barratt, Jacques, King (*arrived 7.31pm*)

Parishioners: None

ACTIONS

1. Apologies for absence

None received

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Public forum (*maximum 3 minutes per person, with an overall limit of 15 minutes*)

None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2012

Councillor Barratt proposed these be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Councillor Jacques and agreed with five votes in favour and one abstention due to not being at the meeting

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2012, not covered elsewhere on this agenda

None

6. Planning applications for consideration

- (i) S/0775/12/FL – Land opposite Black Pit Drove, Rampton Road, Willingham – Mr R Ingle – detached shed

Councillor Cook proposed the Parish Council recommend approval. This was seconded by Councillor Pake and agreed unanimously.

- (ii) S/0518/12/FL – 3 Beaumont Place, Meadow Road, Willingham – Mr L Brown – siting of 4 static caravans 6 touring caravans (part retrospective), erection of facilities block, erection of dayroom/storage and use of existing building for permanent storage use.

Councillor Cook proposed the Parish Council recommend **refusal** and until such time as a full review of traveller sites is completed would only support temporary permission for those caravans that have existing permission under S/1191/09/F paragraph 3. In addition, as previously stated by SCDC Willingham has witnessed the greatest increase in demand for sites in the district in a relatively short period. At present, there are some six authorised pitches, 14 pitches with temporary planning permission and one emergency stopping place on the former local authority site. These pitches are located in relatively close proximity to one another. Government advice states that sites should not dominate the nearest settled community. This has been an issue of significant concern during consultation on an emerging site allocations policy. Recent permissions in the village have all been on a temporary basis in recognition of the demands that would be placed on the village should a large number of sites be allowed, particularly in a relatively small geographical area. The grant of a permanent consent will only add to the frustration caused by additional demands on the village's services and facilities and will severely hamper proper consideration of the issue of site provision when the results of the latest Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment are known. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy DP/1 of the LDF that requires development to contribute to the creation of mixed and socially inclusive communities and provide for health, education and other social needs of all sections of the community. There remains strong doubts over the capacity for the village to permanently accommodate all of the gypsy sites that are currently occupied (and the growth in population that will come with them) both in terms of physical and social impact. This was seconded by Councillor King and agreed unanimously.

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7. Planning application approval (for information only)

- (i) S/0363/12/FL – 2 Loves Lane, Willingham – Mr R Crabb – replacement of flat roof to existing two storey rear extension with slate-covered pitched roof.

Circulated and noted

- (ii) S/0434/12/FL – Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham – Willingham Parish Council – windows and alterations to west elevation. Tarmac to carpark, additional disabled access ramp and addition of traffic calming measures.

Circulated and noted

8. Correspondence

- (i) Copy of Longstanton Parish Council's response to Northstowe planning application.

Circulated and noted

- (ii) SHLAA minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2012

Circulated and noted.

- (iii) Any other correspondence

- S/0480/12/OL – amendment to planning application amending site area and scale of parameters of dwelling changed - for information only

Noted.

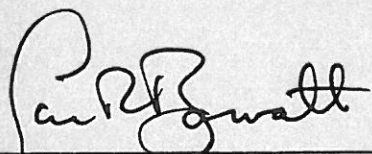
- S/0097/12/FL to receive notification of planning committee meeting to consider S/0097/12/FL – Continued use of land as gypsy site for the stationing of two mobile homes, touring caravan and amenity block.

Councillor King agreed to attend should he be available.

9. Date of Next Meeting

To be decided.

Meeting closed at: 7:49pm

 23/5/12