



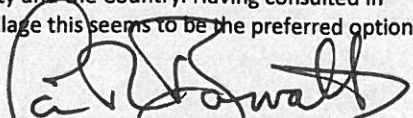
WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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

Present: Councillors: Pake, Barratt(Chair), Watson, King, Jacques

Parishioners: None

	ACTIONS
<p>1. Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Cook and Purnell due to Holiday</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of interest</p> <p>6(i) Councillor Barratt declared a personal interest as he knows the applicant.</p> <p>6(ii) All Councillors stated that they knew Mr Warren as the Postmaster for the Village but none had any prejudice on this application.</p>	
<p>3. Public forum (maximum 3 minutes per person, with an overall limit of 15 minutes)</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>4. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2012</p> <p>Councillor Watson proposed these be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Jacques and agreed unanimously.</p>	
<p>5. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2012, not covered elsewhere on this agenda</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>6. Planning applications for consideration</p> <p>(i) S/1264/12/RM – 178 Station Road, Willingham – Mr M Wright – Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of dwelling house</p> <p>Councillor King proposed that Willingham Parish Council make no recommendation. However the Parish Council have noted the progressive development of this site and that of number 176 and do have concerns regarding the overall development. The Parish Council would ask that Highways are consulted to ensure any access concerns are addressed and would leave the decision and advice to SCDC. The Parish Council would also be reluctant for any further development to the site being approved. This was seconded by councillor Watson and agreed with four votes in favour and one abstention.</p> <p>(ii) S/1373/12/AD – 9 High Street, Willingham – Mr C Warren – Illuminated Sign</p> <p>Councillor King proposed that Willingham Parish Council recommend approval. This was seconded by Councillor Watson and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>(iii) S/1476/12/VC – 2 Greenacres, Meadow Road, Willingham – Miss M Wenman – variation of condition 1 of application S/1719/09/F to allow permanent consent.</p> <p>Councillor King proposed that Willingham Parish Council make no recommendation but would stress the following points:</p> <p>Willingham Parish Council continue to be very concerned about the number of traveller sites in the village and feel that it is very important that sites are spread evenly across the District, the County and the Country. Having consulted in depth with the traveller community as well as the static population in the village this seems to be the preferred option by all parties.</p>	<p> 14/8/12</p>

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This flies in the face of proportionality and to an extent natural justice but reluctantly the Parish Council will accept a limited number of permanent consents providing that it is firmly understood that this does not open the floodgate to new applications, that no new applications are approved and that those applications for permanent consent which are clearly spurious are refused.

Prior to any permanent consent being granted conditions 2 to 7 of the application must be complied with.

On this basis and this basis only the Parish Council will make no recommendation on this application.

In addition to the above the Parish Council would like SCDC to clarify how many pitches are involved and also the name of the applicant as the front sheet shows the applicant to be Ms Wenman but the paperwork attached is in the name of Mrs Webb.

This was seconded by Councillor Barratt and agreed with four votes in favour and one abstention as the Councillor felt the application should be refused.

- (i) **S/1475/12/VC – Plot 5, Longacre, Meadow Road, Willingham – Miss M Wenman – variation of condition 1 of application S/1720/09/F to allow permanent consent**

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Councillor Pake left the meeting (8:03pm)

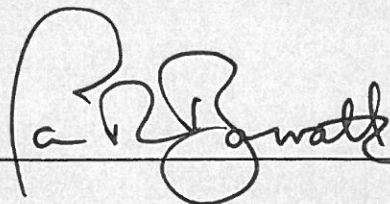
7. Correspondence

- (i) **To receive planning policy monthly update** – circulated and noted
(ii) **Other Correspondence** – none received

8. Date of Next Meeting

To be Decided

Meeting closed at: 8:05pm

 14/8/12

Actions

Clerk