



WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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

Present: Councillors: P King, A Cook, G Pake, I Barratt(Chair), R Manning, Awal (*arrived 7.35pm and left at 8.10pm*),
J Watson (*arrived 8.17pm*)

Parishioners: four

Actions

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Purnell and Jacques

2. Declarations of interest

None

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

The meeting was adjourned.

In view of his role at SCDC Councillor Manning felt it correct to leave the meeting and not be a part of the discussion, he left the meeting at 7.40pm and did not return until after the application had been discussed and decided upon.

The public forum lasted for 30 minutes and a lengthy discussion took place, in summary:

Mr Buckley and his family came to speak with regards to their planning application 6(iii). Mr Buckley was very unhappy and stated that if the application was refused he would have to pull down his property and would be made homeless. Mr Buckley's daughter stated that her parents had lived in the village for a long time and had done everything correctly and received no complaints so they wanted to know why they hadn't been granted permanent consent. Ms Buckley also stated that she wanted to move her business fully to the Meadows. Ms Buckley went on to ask the Parish Council if they wanted to stop all travellers living in the village.

Councillor Pake stated that this was not the case and outlined the issue in Willingham with proportionality and Councillor King went on to explain that the Parish Council work very hard to be inclusive and consistent in their approach and have indeed sought the views of parishioners and travellers and incorporated them into the Parish Plan.

The meeting was reconvened:

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2012

Councillor King proposed that these be accepted as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Pake and **agreed** with three votes in favour and one abstention due to not being at the meeting.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2012, not covered elsewhere on this agenda

None

6. Planning applications for consideration

Item 6 (iii) was taken at this point

- (i) **S/1465/12/FL – Foxes Meadow, priest Lane, Willingham – Mr C Coates – change of use of land for two gypsy pitches (pitch 1 – 3 mobile homes and 2 utility/toilet blocks. Pitch 2 – 6 mobile homes, 2 touring caravans and 1 utility/toilet block)**

Councillor King proposed that the Parish Council make no recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Cook and **agreed** unanimously.

Councillor Manning rejoined the meeting 8:10pm

- (ii) **S/1506/12/FL – 25 Millfield, Willingham – Ms F D'Arcy – single storey rear extension**

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

(iii) S/1621/12/VC – The Oaks, Meadow Road, Willingham – Mr T Buckley – removal of condition 1 of planning permission reference S/1243/08/F to allow permanent siting of two gypsy mobile homes

This item was taken after item (5)

Councillor King proposed that the Parish Council make no recommendation as the Council did not have all the information they needed and felt it would be best to defer to the expertise of the officers at SCDC. This was seconded by Councillor Cook and agreed with three votes in favour and one abstention

Planning applications approvals (for information only)

(i) S/1200/12/FL – 4 Westfield, Willingham – Mr R Hull – conservatory/garden room

Circulated and noted

(ii) S/1251/12/FL – Meadow Cottage, 16 Station Road Willingham – Mrs E Pearson – detached summerhouse with covered veranda

Circulated and noted

7. Correspondence

(i) **Other Correspondence** – none received

(ii) **Date of Next Meeting**

To be Decided

Meeting closed at: 8:20pm

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