



WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham

Present: Councillors: Law (Chair), King, Croucher, Slater, Manning
Councillor Robert Turner (Planning Portfolio Holder SCDC)
Parishioners: None

Clerk: Mandy Powell

1. To receive apologies for absence	ACTIONS
Apologies were received from Councillor Cook due to being unwell and Councillor Harris due to a work commitment.	
2. Declarations of interest	
Item 8(iii) S/2895/16/TC - Councillor King declared a personal interest as he knows the applicant.	
3. Public forum (maximum 3 minutes per person, with an overall limit of 15 minutes) All parishioners wishing to speak must make their name known to the Clerk prior to commencement of the meeting. Maximum of five people to speak. Large groups will need to decide on a spokesperson representative None	
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2016.	
Councillor King proposed the minutes be accepted as an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Councillor Croucher and agreed unanimously.	
5. To deal with any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 12th October, not covered elsewhere on this agenda. None	
6. To receive an update from SCDC on the role of the Housing Development Agency.	
Councillor Harford was unable to attend so it was agreed to arrange another session at a later date.	R Manning
7. To receive a presentation from SCDC regarding neighbourhood planning.	
Councillor Robert Turner (Planning Portfolio Holder) presented neighbourhood planning to the committee and summarised the purpose of them. He confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) must not be in conflict with the Local Plan and can give the Parish a stronger say in the type and location of development within the parish. The NP can be a lengthy process (averages 2 years) and can cost approximately between £30,000 and £40,000. Grants of around £9,000 are available.	
Concerns were raised that although Willingham is classified as a minor rural area large development applications are being received. Councillor Turner confirmed that once the Local Plan had been approved this would no longer be the case and development would be limited to that agreed for a minor rural area.	
Councillor Turner agreed to speak to officers to ensure that the Parish Council are notified of any developments as soon as an application is considered at pre-application stage as this was not always happening.	R Turner
Councillor Croucher raised item 10 – Giffords Park (Needingworth) and concerns over the impact on traffic through Willingham given the size of the proposed development. Councillor Turner agreed to speak to Steven Kelly (Joint Planning Director) and would report back to the Council.	R Turner
Councillor Turner left the meeting	
8. Planning Applications for consideration	
(i) S/2621/16.FL – Middle Fen Farmhouse, Middle Fen Farm, Earith Road, Willingham, Mr P Wright – demolition of existing substandard 3 bedroom cottage and erection of replacement 3 bedroom dwelling.	
Councillor Manning proposed the Council recommend approval, seconded by Councillor Law and agreed unanimously.	

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(ii) S/2700/16/FL – rear of 74 Fen End, Willingham, Mr M Cooksey – erection of two dwellings with ancillary access arrangements.

Councillor Law proposed the Council recommend approval, seconded by Councillor Manning and agreed with four votes in favour and one against.

(iii) S/2895/16/TC – 60A Church Street, Willingham, Mrs Bonar – Fell 2 Malus SP (crab apple) and one Abies Nobilis.

Councillor Croucher proposed the Council recommend approval, seconded by Councillor Slater and agreed with four votes in favour and one abstention (due to personal interest)

9. Planning Decisions (for information only)

(i) S/1864/16/FL 14 Saxon Way, Willingham, Mr S Lockwood – single storey side extension, boundary wall and front porch – approved.

Previously circulated and noted

(ii) Tree preservation order 05/16/SC, 77 Station Road, Willingham – oak tree – confirmed order

Previously circulated and noted

10. Correspondence

Correspondence from SCDC re local plan hearings programme

Noted.

To receive and consider notification of consultation on enforcement plan and planning, minerals and waste enforcement plan in Cambridgeshire.

The Clerk was asked to circulate this to the committee for comments. All comments to be with the Clerk by the 2nd December.

To receive correspondence from SCDC re change to the process of tree work applications.

Previously circulated and noted.

To receive notice of application to stop up part of the bridle way in West Fen Road and replace it with a new bridleway diversion.

Previously circulated and noted.

To receive November Planning Policy monthly update

Previously circulated and noted

To receive and consider correspondence from Needingworth Parish Council regarding Giffords Park

This had been previously circulated. It was agreed to respond to Needingworth Parish Council stating that Willingham Parish Council were concerned that the proposal appeared to be a serious over development which would have major impact on infrastructure, particularly on traffic on the B1050, a road that is already overburdened and congested. The Council would like to be kept informed of developments and request that they are consulted regarding any traffic consultations in relation to this site.

The Clerk was asked to copy the correspondence to County Councillor Hudson and Councillor Turner.

11. Items for future meetings

None

12. To decide date of next meeting.

Wednesday 30th November 2016

All/Clerk

Meeting closed at: 8:45pm



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