



WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 10th April 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham

Present: Councillors: Croucher, Law (Chair), Manning, P King, Harris
Parishioners: Three

Minutes: Taken by R Croucher

ACTIONS

1. To receive apologies for absence

Councillor Cook due to prior commitment

2. Declarations of interest

Item 6(ii) – S/0953/17/FL 89 Saxon Way – Councillor Croucher declared a non pecuniary interest as a resident of Saxon Way.
Item 6(i) – S/0364/17/FL – Land at Rampton Road – Councillor Manning declared a non-pecuniary interest as a family member lives close to the development site.

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 27th March 2017

Councillor Harris proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Councillor King and agreed with four votes in favour and one abstention due to not being at the meeting.

5. To deal with any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 27th March, not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

None

6. Applications for consideration

- (i) S/0364/17/FL – Land at Rampton Road, Cambridge, AJ Lee Developments – 12 affordable houses

Councillor Harris proposed the Council recommend refusal for the following reasons:

- Gross overdevelopment of the site
- Lack of sustainability due to the distance from village facilities and public transport.

And with the following notes:

1. The parish Council recommended refusal for an application on this site for two large 4 bedroom dwellings.
2. The incorrect statement that "there were no reasonable alternative sites" the parish council is aware of at least two other proposals for affordable developments in the village
3. Complete lack of community and parish council engagement by the developer

The Council request this application is forwarded to committee. This was seconded by Councillor Croucher and agreed with four votes in favour and one abstention due to declaration of interest.

- (ii) S/0953/17/FL – 89 Saxon Way, Willingham, Mr and Mrs Bland – two storey side extension

Councillor Law proposed the Council make no recommendation, seconded by Councillor Manning and agreed with four votes in favour and one abstention due to a declaration of interest.

- (iii) S/1092/17/FL – The Oaks, Meadow Road, Willingham, Mr D Buckley – change of use of part of the site to residential with the provision of two gypsy and traveller residential pitches and one transit pitch.

Councillor Harris proposed the Council recommend refusal for the following reasons

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1. The Parish Council has consistently recommended refusal of all developments North of Meadow Road
 2. Elements of the application contradict the conclusions of the most recent inspectors report on this site (Inspector Lewis – August 2016 – Paragraph 74)

Also noted: The content of the development does not match the heading

The Council request this application is forwarded to committee.

This was seconded by Councillor Manning and **agreed** unanimously.

7. Planning Decisions (for information only)

- (i) S/0064/17/PN – 21B Green Street, Willingham – erection of steel portal frame building for agricultural purposes – **Prior approval is not required.**

Noted

8. Appeal Decisions (for information only)

- (i) S/1611/16/FL – 19 Westfield, Willingham, Mr C Cook – two semi-detached 3 bedroomed houses on side garden of existing dwelling – **appeal dismissed**

Noted

9. Correspondence

- (i) To receive information regarding Giffords Park, Needingworth and consider any actions

The above was noted with concerns/reservations about impact the development would have on the surrounding areas and infrastructure.

- (ii) Any other correspondence

Councillor Harris reported on the Needingworth Group Meeting.

10. Items for future meetings

None

11. To decide date of next meeting.

To be decided

Meeting closed at: 20:15pm

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