

WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Willingham Parish Council held on Monday 27th March 2023 at 7:30pm, in the Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street Willingham.

Present:

Councillors: Harris, Law, Watson, McKee, Todd

Parishioners: None

Clerk: Mandy Powell

1. To receive apologies for absence

None received.

2. Declarations of interest

6(ii) Councillor Law declared a personal interest as he knew the applicant well.

6(iv) Councillor McKee declared a personal interest as she knew the applicant well. Councillor McKee did not vote on this item.

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

None present.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023.

It was noted that items four and five had the wrong date listed. Subject to this amendment, Councillor Todd proposed the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Councillor McKee and **ratified** with four votes in favour and one abstention due to not being at the meeting. The Clerk would amend the minutes as listed and they would then be signed by the Chair.

5. To deal with any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2023, not covered elsewhere on this agenda.

None raised.

6. Planning Applications for consideration.

(i) 23/00870/HFUL – Old Railway Tavern, Station Road, Longstanton, Complete Fabrications – alteration and enlargement of existing single storey extension to side.

Councillor Todd proposed the Council support the application, seconded by Councillor Watson and **ratified** unanimously.

(ii) 23/00908/HFUL – 50 High Street, Willingham, Mr Passmore – minor alterations to internal layout to restore two adjoining semi-detached residential dwellings into one property; remodelling of internal walls; remove of one staircase; alterations to principal façade including removal of one external door and alteration of window openings.

The Clerk advised that after the agenda had been issued this application had been withdrawn.

(iii) 23/00831/FUL - Church Of St Marys And All Saints Church Street Willingham, Willingham Parochial Church Council - Extension of existing churchyard path to provide disability access from the church to the public cemetery.

It was agreed that as the proposal would also include part of Willingham Cemetery which is owned by the Parish Council, no comments would be made.

(iv) 23/00812/FUL – The Bungalow, New Farm, Station Road, Longstanton, Mr Brown – demolition of existing barn and erection of 1 no 3-bed dwelling.

Councillor Harris proposed the Council object to the application as the development was outside the village envelope and the council opposed the change of use of an agricultural building to a residential dwelling which would encroach onto the open countryside between the village and Northstowe. This encroachment is

something that the Council had always objected to and they had previously been advised by SCDC that there would be no development between the village and Northstowe, leaving the open countryside buffer intact. The Council would also refer SCDC to appeal decision APP/W0530/W/21/3288507, planning application number 21/04068/FUL. The development being similar to the one being put forward was refused by the Inspectorate and the reason given equally apply to this application.

If the officer is minded to approve the application then the Council would request that it is passed to committee for consideration and the Council are notified of the meeting date so that they can attend. This was seconded by Councillor Law and **ratified** unanimously.

(v) 23/00967/HFUL – 25 High Street, Willingham, Mr Peake-Vout - Demolition of existing conservatory and covered outdoor seating area and replacement with single storey dwelling extension.

Councillor Todd proposed the Council support the application, seconded by Councillor Law and **ratified** with four votes in favour and one abstention due to a declaration of interest.

(vi) 23/00965/LBC - 66 Church Street Willingham, Michael Pomphrey - Installation of seven solar panels to south facing roof.

Councillor Harris proposed the Council make no recommendation, seconded by Councillor Watson and **ratified** unanimously.

(vii) 23/00718/HFUL – 66 Church Street Willingham, Michael Pomphrey - Installation of seven solar panels to south facing roof

Councillor Harris proposed the Council make no recommendation, seconded by Councillor Watson and **ratified** unanimously.

(viii) CCC/22/091/FUL - Land At Bridge Farm Holme Fen Drove Colne - Extension of irrigation reservoirs (part retrospective) and construction of a third reservoir by the extraction, processing and export of sand and gravel; excavation of clay for sealing the reservoir embankments; silt settlement lagoons; and temporary infrastructure with access onto the B1050 Chatteris Road between Ashwood and Holwood Nurseries.

Although the Council had not been asked to comment on this application, it was agreed to write to County Council raising concerns about possible increases in HCV traffic through the village. The Clerk was asked to state that under no circumstances do the Council want to see any additional traffic coming through the village as a result of this application. All vehicles must use the route highlighted in the application as the B1050 is already dangerous and additional HCVs will only exacerbate the situation.

7. Planning applications for information only

None received.

8. Correspondence

(i) To receive correspondence regarding street naming/numbering for development in Church Street.

Noted.

(ii) To receive notification of Street Trading application in Wilford Furlong

Noted. No comments made.

9. Items for future meetings

None received.

10. To decide date of next meeting.

To be decided

Meeting closed at 20:04