

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

27TH JULY 2016

PRESENT:

Councillors Mrs Simpson-Vince (Chairman), Mrs A'Barrow, Brown, Butlin, Ms Edwards (substituting for Councillor Mrs Avis), Gillias, Miss Lawrence (substituting for Councillor Cranham), Lewis, Sandison, Srivastava and Helen Taylor.

Note: *A minute's silence was held prior to the start of the business of the meeting in memory of former Councillor Chris Holman, who had passed away that day.*

20. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

21. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs Avis, Cranham and Ellis.

22. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 4).

All the representations received prior to the preparation of the agenda and considered by the Committee were referred to in the individual reports.

Subsequent representations also considered by the Committee related to the following applications.

(a) Parish Councils

None

(b) Third Parties

None

At the meeting, the following representatives attended under the Council's public speaking procedure in respect of the following application.

(i) R15/20139 Land at Waldings Farm, Barby Lane, Rugby

Ms Sinead Turnbull, Wilbraham Associates (object)
Mr John Chorlton, Gladman Developments (applicant)(support)
Councillor N Allen, Ward Councillor (object)

RESOLVED THAT – authorisation be given for decision notices to be issued as indicated in relation to the applications below.

- (a) residential development of up to 107 dwellings including vehicular access from Barby Lane, open space, landscaping, surface water attenuation pond, footpaths, cycleways and associated infrastructure (all existing buildings to be demolished)(outline planning application to include access with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved) at land at Waldings Farm, Barby Lane, Hillmorton, Rugby (R15/2039) – Councillor Miss Lawrence moved and Councillor Helen Taylor seconded that the Development and Enforcement Manager be given delegated powers to refuse planning permission for the following reason.

The proposed development would have a significant and adverse impact on the character and appearance of the landscape in this location. In particular, the proposed dwellings would appear as an intrusive extension of the urban area into the surrounding countryside and would diminish the landscape character of this area. They would further appear visually intrusive and prominent within the landscape to the point of being harmful to the qualities, character and amenity of both the countryside and setting of Hillmorton. The proposed mitigation would not adequately reduce these impacts to an acceptable level. The adverse impacts that would arise from this would consequently significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits of the proposed development. The proposal would consequently not constitute sustainable development and would be contrary to policy CS16 of the Rugby Borough Core Strategy 2011, policy GP2 of the Rugby Borough Local Plan 2009 and paragraph 17 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Chairman put the motion to the vote. Three Members then demanded, pursuant to Standing Order 15.4, that the names of Members voting be recorded in the minutes.

For the motion – Councillors Mrs A' Barrow, Brown, Butlin, Ms Edwards, Gillias, Miss Lawrence, Lewis, Sandison, Mrs Simpson-Vince, Srivastava, Helen Taylor

11 votes

Against the motion – no votes

Absentions from voting – no votes

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

[Note: Delegated authority was given to the Development and Enforcement Manager for this application as the Head of Growth and Investment had declared an officer interest by virtue of members of his family living in the locality of the proposed development site.]

- (b) provision of a rear dormer roof extension at 11 Othello Close, Bilton, Rugby, CV22 6LX (R16/1249) – Councillor Helen Taylor moved and Councillor Butlin seconded that the Head of Growth and Investment be authorised to grant planning permission subject to the conditions in the report together with condition 3 being amended to read, “The facing materials to be used on the external walls and roof shall be as specified within the application form received by the Local Planning Authority on the 27th May 2016, with the exception of the cladding, which will be either timber or UPVC cladding.”

23. ADVANCE NOTICE OF SITE VISITS FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered advance notice of site visits submitted at the meeting.

RESOLVED THAT –

(1) a site visit not be held at 11 Millfields Avenue, Rugby (R16/0153); and

(2) a site visit be held at Old Hall, 24 Lilbourne Road, Clifton-upon-Dunsmore, Rugby (R14/2166 and R16/0566) at a time and date to be agreed.

24. DELEGATED DECISIONS – 9TH JUNE 2016 TO 20TH JUNE 2016

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Growth and Investment (Part 1 – agenda item 6) concerning decisions taken by him during the above period.

RESOLVED THAT - the report be noted.

CHAIRMAN