

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

25TH MAY 2011

PRESENT:

Councillors Gillias (Chairman), Allen, Day, Kirby, Lewis, Roberts, Ms Robbins, Sandison, Sewell (substituting for Councillor Cranham), Spiers, Whistance and D Williams.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th April and 19th May 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from Councillor Cranham.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 4 of Part 1 – High Tor, Shilton Lane, Shilton – Councillor Gillias (personal interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of undertaking work for the applicant several years ago).

Item 4 of Part 1 – Land at Field Cottage, Thurlaston, Rugby – Councillor Ms Robbins (prejudicial interest as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of the applicant being known to her).

Item 4 of Part 1 – Land rear of 19-25 Crick Road, Rugby - Councillors Allen and Sewell (prejudicial interests as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct for Councillors by virtue of submitting objections to the application during the consultation period).

Councillors Allen, Ms Robbins and Sewell left the meeting during the items in which they had declared an interest and took no part in the voting and discussion thereon.

7. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning and Culture (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

RESOLVED THAT – the Head of Planning and Culture be authorised to issue decision notices as indicated in relation to the applications below.

- (a) use of land as a private gypsy caravan site, comprising 5 no pitches, hardstanding and amenity block (part retrospective) at High Tor, Shilton Lane, Shilton, Coventry (R10/2013) – the Head of Planning and Culture be authorised to refuse planning permission for the reasons stated in the report subject to reason 6 being amended to read, “The use of this site as a residential caravan site, combined with the existing level of Gypsy and traveller sites close by such as ‘Little Orchard’, would result in a consolidation of residential caravan sites within the Green Belt area, thereby intensifying the harm to the openness, visual amenity and character of area. This would be contrary to policies GP1, E1, E2, E5 and H13.”
- (b) erection of a detached bungalow with amended access and improvement works, including demolition of existing summer house at land at Field Cottage, Thurlaston, Rugby (R10/2195) – the Head of Planning and Culture be authorised to grant planning permission subject to standard conditions together with a condition making the proposed development personal to the applicant.

The Committee considered that a local need had been demonstrated. It was also considered that issues relating to the access to the site had been rectified.

- (c) demolition of 21 Crick Road, erection of 7 detached dwellings, new access and associated works at land rear of 19-25 Crick Road, Rugby (R10/2148) – a decision on the application be deferred pending a site visit to be held immediately prior to the next meeting of the Committee.
- (d) determination as to whether prior approval is required for the installation of a 11.8 metre high slim line telecom monopole mast and provision of a 1 no. associated equipment cabinet and a metre pillar at central reservation, adjacent to 419 Newbold Road, Rugby (R11/0754) – the Head of Planning and Culture be authorised to refuse prior approval for the siting and appearance of the telecommunications installation and its permitted development rights are hereby refused.

The Committee considered that the proposed siting of the monopole would be detrimental to the street scene.

8. **ADVANCE NOTICE OF SITE VISITS FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

RESOLVED THAT – no further site visits be held prior to the next meeting of the Committee.

9. DELEGATED DECISIONS – 15TH APRIL TO 12TH MAY 2011

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

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

CHAIRMAN