

MINUTES of a meeting of the PLANNING Committee held in the Remote Meeting using Microsoft Teams on TUESDAY, 3 November 2020

Present: Councillor N Smith (Chairman)

Councillors R Boam, D Bigby, R Canny, D Everitt, S Gillard, J Hoult, J Legrys and M B Wyatt

In Attendance: Councillors R Ashman

Officers: Mr C Elston, Mr J Mattley, Miss S Odedra, Mrs C Hammond, Ms J Davies, Mr T Delaney, Ms C Proudfoot and Mrs M Scott

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor D Harrison.

35. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Members declared the following interests:

Councillor N Smith declared a pecuniary interest in item A1, application number 19/02102/FUL as the Ward Member who had called the application in and as a close personal friend of one of the landowners.

Councillor J Legrys declared a non-pecuniary interest in item A1, application number 19/02102/FUL as he knew one of the landowners, who was a fellow Councillor.

Councillors D Bigby, R Boam, R Canny, D Everitt, J Hoult, J Legrys and M B Wyatt declared that they had been lobbied without influence in respect of item A1, application number 19/02102/FUL but had come to the meeting with an open mind.

36. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on the 6 October 2020.

It was moved by Councillor J Legrys, seconded by Councillor J Hoult and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 October be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

37. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

The Public Protection Team Leader presented the report to Members.

It was moved by Councillor J Legrys, seconded by Councillor D Bigby and

RESOLVED THAT:

The information in the report be noted.

38. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Planning and Infrastructure, as amended by the update sheet circulated at the meeting.

Chairman's initials

Having declared a pecuniary interest in the item, Councillor N Smith left the chair and the meeting and took no part in the consideration and the voting on the item thereon.

Councillor R Boam took the chair and Councillor G Hoult joined the meeting as substitute for Councillor N Smith.

39. 19/02102/FUL: ERECTION OF THREE DETACHED DWELLINGS AND THREE DOUBLE GARAGES (ONE ATTACHED AND TWO DETACHED) WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS, LANDSCAPING AND DRAINAGE

Before the presentation, the Legal Advisor confirmed that the applicant was not a serving Councillor, but that Councillor Rushton was one of the landowners with an interest in the site.

The Senior Planning Officer presented the report to members.

Parish Councillor C Miles, on behalf of Packington Parish Council, addressed the committee highlighting concerns around the area of the site where the waste bins would be presented and the design and types of the proposed dwellings, adding that they would destroy the soft edge of the village. He also detailed concerns over the proposed drainage scheme and potential flooding. He noted that the Parish Council felt that the development was inappropriate and overbearing with a dangerous access.

Mr P Fleetham, objector, addressed the committee highlighting concerns that many issues had not been addressed correctly and on the number of objections that had been received. He outlined concerns over the highways safety impact the development would have and noted several highways policies that the proposal was contrary to.

In determining the application, members had regard to the error within the report where the word 'not' had been missed from the conclusion to refusal under the flood risk and drainage section of the report and update sheet. The Senior Planning Officer confirmed that a reason for refusal on flooding or drainage grounds could not be justified. Concerns were expressed over the bin storage on an un-adopted road and their visual impacts, flooding risks in the area, the size of the proposed dwellings, highways concerns and the maintenance of the private pumping system in the future.

A motion to permit the application in accordance with the officer recommendation was moved by Councillor J Hoult and seconded by Councillor S Gillard.

The Chairman put the motion to the vote. A recorded vote being required, the voting was as detailed below.

RESOLVED THAT:

The application be permitted in accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Infrastructure.

Motion to permit the application in accordance with the recommendation of the Head of Planning and Infrastructure (Motion)	
Councillor Russell Boam	For
Councillor Dave Bigby	For
Councillor Rachel Canny	For
Councillor David Everitt	Against
Councillor Stuart Gillard	For
Councillor Jim Hoult	For
Councillor John Legrys	Against
Councillor Michael Wyatt	Against

Chairman's initials

Councillor Gill Houtt	For
Carried	

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.02 pm