

MINUTES of a meeting of the PLANNING Committee held in the Forest Room, Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on TUESDAY, 5 March 2024

Present: Councillor R Boam (Chair)

Councillors R L Morris, M Burke, R Canny, D Cooper (Substitute for Councillor D Bigby), D Everitt, J Legrys, P Moul, C A Sewell and N Smith

In Attendance: Councillors

Officers: Mr C Elston, Mr D Jones, Mr S James and Mrs R Wallace

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors D Bigby and J Simmons.

68. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members declared that they had been lobbied without influence in respect of the following applications but had come to the meeting with an open mind.

Item A1 – application number 23/01108/FUL: Councillors D Cooper, D Everitt, Legrys, C Sewell and N Smith.

Item A2 – application number 24/00022/REM: Councillors D Everitt, J Legrys, R Morris, P Moul, C Sewell and N Smith.

69. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2024.

The Chair referred Members to the revised minutes as detailed within the additional papers.

It was moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Morris and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2024 as revised in the additional papers be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

70. 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.

71. 23/01108/FUL: WORKS TO AN EXISTING CLUBHOUSE TO INCLUDE RAISING THE ROOF HEIGHT TO PROVIDE FIRST FLOOR ACCOMMODATION, DORMER WINDOWS AND A BALCONY WITH THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY BUILDING TO PROVIDE CHANGING ROOM FACILITIES, RETENTION/EXTENSION TO TERRACE STAND AND NEW PATHWAY

Ashby Ivanhoe Football Club, Lower Packington Road, Ashby De La Zouch

Officer's recommendation: Permit subject to conditions

The Head of Planning and Infrastructure presented the report to Members.

Chairman's initials

Mr B Everitt, objector, addressed the Committee. He commented that even though an additional condition had been added, it only restricted use of the clubhouse and still did not provide safe access, appropriate parking, or a turning space for vehicles. He explained that the proposals did not allow for vehicles to exit the site in a forward gear and did not address the concerns previously raised. He concluded by asking members to apply appropriate conditions if minded to permit the application.

The Planning and Development Team Manager addressed the matters raised by the speaker and reminded Members that it was not necessary to repeat the permissions from the initial scheme as the application was purely for the expansion of the facilities not parking.

In determining the application Members acknowledged the residents' concerns regarding parking and felt that more was required from the football club to ensure they were good neighbours. However, it was noted that the application was not in relation to parking and Members were generally happy with the amendments made to the application since it was originally considered by the Committee.

Following some concern, Members received assurances from Officers that they were satisfied with the external legal advice received on this application and that officer's would monitor the development to ensure conditions were being adhered to.

The officer's recommendation to permit the application was moved by Councillor R Morris and seconded by Councillor R Canny.

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

The motion was CARRIED.

RESOLVED THAT:

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

Motion to permit in accordance with officer's recommendation (Motion)	
Councillor Russell Boam	For
Councillor Ray Morris	For
Councillor Morgan Burke	For
Councillor Rachel Canny	For
Councillor Doug Cooper	For
Councillor David Everitt	For
Councillor John Legrys	For
Councillor Peter Mout	For
Councillor Carol Sewell	For
Councillor Nigel Smith	For
Carried	

72. 24/00022/REMM: ERECTION OF 80 DWELLINGS INCLUDING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ACCESS, PARKING, PEDESTRIAN LINKS, AND OPEN SPACE TO PARCEL E (RESERVED MATTERS OF ACCESS, APPEARANCE, LANDSCAPING, LAYOUT AND SCALE TO OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION REF. 13/00956/OUTM)

Land Adjacent to Grange Road, Hugglescote, Coalville

Officer's recommendation: Permit

Chairman's initials

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report to Members.

As the Ward Member, Councillor R Johnson, was unable to attend the meeting a written statement had been submitted and read out to the Committee by the Democratic Services Officer. It highlighted the proposed positioning of the puffin crossing and the effect it would have on the area due to the removal of trees including the Council's climate change policy. It was questioned whether an ecology report had been undertaken due to the loss of habitat for breeding birds.

In determining the application, Members were happy with the proposed positioning of the crossing and that the Highway Authority had listened to the Committee following the previous refusal. Officers were thanked for taking Members concerns back to the Highway Authority. Residents' concerns were acknowledged regarding the developer using the roads through the residential estate to access the site and it was suggested that a note to applicant be added to advise the developer to control and restrict any construction traffic accessing the site from the adjoining estate.

Following further discussion in relation to the crossing and whether it should be conditioned due to the Highway Authority's view, Members decided that they would like to make the provision of the crossing a condition.

The officer's recommendation to permit the application to was moved by Councillor R Canny and seconded by Councillor J Legrys.

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

The motion was CARRIED.

RESOLVED THAT:

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

Motion to permit in accordance with the officer's recommendation (Motion)	
Councillor Russell Boam	For
Councillor Ray Morris	For
Councillor Morgan Burke	Against
Councillor Rachel Canny	For
Councillor Doug Cooper	For
Councillor David Everitt	For
Councillor John Legrys	For
Councillor Peter Moulton	For
Councillor Carol Sewell	For
Councillor Nigel Smith	For
Carried	

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.43 pm

Chairman's initials