

Planning Committee Minutes

Date: 27 July 2016

Time: 6.30 - 7.20 pm

PRESENT: Councillor P R Turner (in the Chair)

Councillors Mrs J A Adey, M Asif, S Graham, C B Harriss, A E Hill, D A Johncock, A Lee, H L McCarthy, N J B Teesdale, A Turner and L Wood.

Standing Deputies present: Councillors A Hussain, Mrs W J Mallen and S K Raja.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Ms A Baughan, N B Marshall, Ms C J Oliver and C Whitehead.

LOCAL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr D Carroll

APPLICATION

16/05053/FUL

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman informed the Committee that it was with much sadness he had to report that the former Chief Planning Officer, Chris Swanwick, died the previous week. Chris joined Wycombe District Council as Chief Planning Officer in the mid-1980's before retiring as Corporate Director in 2005.

He was a very passionate and committee planner, convinced that Wycombe was the best planning service in the country.

The Chairman explained that he would pass back the condolences of the Planning Committee to Chris's family.

22 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 29 June 2016 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

24 16/05053/FUL - UPLANDS CONFERENCE HOUSE AND TRAINING CENTRE, FOUR ASHES ROAD, CRYERS HILL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, HP15 6LB

The Committee voted in favour of the recommendation that the Head of Planning and Sustainability be given delegated authority to grant Conditional Permission provided that a Planning Obligation or other agreement was made to secure the following matter –

- Affordable Housing – a financial contribution to be spent off-site

or to refuse Planning Permission if an Obligation or other agreement could not be secured.

The Committee wished it to be noted that they had concerns in relation to the speed limit of 60mph which is in force along Four Ashes Road. They agreed that a letter be sent to the Highway Authority (Bucks County Council) requesting a reassessment of the speed limit and asking them to bear in mind the high level of new housing being built in the locality as well as taking the local school into consideration. It was agreed that the letter would be sent by the Chairman of Planning and the Cabinet Member of Planning and Sustainability.

RESOLVED: As per the officer's recommendation set out above.

The Committee was addressed by Councillor Carroll, the Ward Councillor.

The Committee was addressed by Dr Linda Derrick on behalf of the Widmer End Residents Association and Parish Councillor Richard Gould on behalf of Hughenden Parish Council, in objection and Mr Nick Bridges on behalf of the architect and applicant.

25 PRE-PLANNING COMMITTEE TRAINING / INFORMATION SESSION

26 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS FOR SITE VISITS

RESOLVED: That in the event that it was necessary to arrange site visits on Tuesday 23 August in respect of the agenda for the meeting on Wednesday 24 August, the following Members be invited to attend with the relevant local Members:

Councillors: S Graham, A E Hill, D A Johncock, T Lee, H L McCarthy, A Turner and P R Turner.

27 FILE ON ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The file on actions taken under delegated authority since the previous meeting was circulated for the Committee's attention.

Chairman

The following officers were in attendance at the meeting:

Mrs S Armstrong	Principal Development Management Officer
Ms G Hastings	Technical Planning Assistant
Mrs L Hornby	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Mr A Nicholson	Development Manager
Ms R Steele	Assistant Solicitor