

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

20th January 2009

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Bale (Chairman), Councillor Ford (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bladen, Jones, Lemmon, Mrs. Plenderleith, Stanton and Watson.

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Richards, Shepherd and Southerd.

Independent Member

Councillor Mrs. Brown.

The following Members also attended the Meeting and, with the approval of the Chairman, spoke to the Minutes Nos. indicated:-

Councillor Murray - Minute No. DC/71

Councillor Harrison – Minute No. DC/75

DC/65. MINUTES

The Open and Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th November 2008 and the Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th December 2008 were taken as read, approved as true records and signed by the Chairman.

DC/66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs. Brown declared a prejudicial interest in item 11 – Enforcement Action – Egginton (Minute No. DC/76), due to her association with the affected party. Councillor Ford declared a personal interest in planning application 9/2008/1073/SSA (Minute No. DC/72), as a family friend was an employee of the applicant.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

DC/67. PUBLIC SPEAKING AT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Members were advised of feedback received from the provisional introduction of public speaking at the Development Control Committee, which was first implemented on 21st November 2006. Little criticism of the procedure had been made, although comments had been received about the length of time given to speak. However, it was considered that the three minutes currently allowed for each public speaker was a sufficient length of time, as speakers rarely had to be stopped and were therefore limited to addressing the main points. The length of time allowed for speaking by non-Members of the Committee was in line with the relevant Council Procedure Rules and did not relate to public speaking.

Minor amendments had been made to the process, including the order of proceedings particularly in relation to public speakers, and it was the view of Officers that the process was now operating smoothly.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Environmental and Development Services Committee be recommended to adopt the implementation of public speaking at the Development Control Committee on a permanent basis.**
- (2) That future minor amendments to the procedures be delegated to the Head of Planning Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee.**

DC/68. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

The Head of Planning Services submitted reports for consideration and determination by the Committee and presented oral reports to the Meeting to update them as necessary. Consideration was then given thereto and decisions were reached as indicated.

DC/69. THE RETENTION OF AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AT THURVASTON FARM, THURVASTON (9/2008/1104/NO)

Members of the Committee had visited the site prior to the Meeting. Mr. P.J. Abrehart (objector) and Mrs. Hammersley (applicant) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted, subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Head of Planning Services and to the enhancement of the landscaping condition No. 2.

DC/70. THE ERECTION OF AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING AT THURVASTON FARM, THURVASTON (9/2008/0713/F)

Members of the Committee had visited the site prior to the Meeting. Mr. P.J. Abrehart (objector) and Mrs. Hammersley (applicant) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted, subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Head of Planning Services and to the inclusion in condition No. 2 of the date of the amended plan received.

DC/71. THE ERECTION OF FOUR DWELLINGS ON LAND BETWEEN NOS. 11-13 GOSELEY AVENUE, HARTSHORNE (9/2008/1014/FM)

Members of the Committee had visited the site prior to the Meeting. Mrs. Oakey (objector) and Mr. A. Pike (applicant) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Members discussed traffic calming issues and the relocation of the bus shelter arising from the development.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) ***That planning permission be granted, subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Head of Planning Services and to the inclusion in condition No. 3 of the date of the amended plan received.***
- (2) ***That representations be made to Derbyshire County Council with regard to traffic calming issues and the relocation of the bus stop.***

DC/72. THE ERECTION OF THREE HOUSING BLOCKS TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR PUPILS AND THE ERECTION OF A LAUNDRY AND ACTIVITY BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED PARKING AT BLADON HOUSE SCHOOL, NEWTON ROAD, NEWTON SOLNEY (9/2008/1073/SSA)

Members of the Committee had visited the site prior to the Meeting. The Head of Planning Services reported additional comments received from an objector.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted, subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Head of Planning Services and to reference in condition No. 3 to the amended plans, reference in condition No. 2 to the colour of external walls and roof materials and to an additional condition to secure the removal/non-residential use of specified portacabins.

(Councillor Ford declared a personal interest in this application, as a family friend was an employee of the applicant. Councillor Bladen wished it to be recorded that he had abstained from voting on this application. Councillor Ford wished it to be recorded that he had voted against the decision.)

DC/73. PLANNING AND OTHER APPEALS

The content of the following reports were noted:-

Appeals Allowed

- (a) The erection of a dwelling, detached garage and access at Nos. 11 and 12 Edmonds Square, Micklover (9/2007/1283/O).
- (b) The erection of an orangery at Bretby Lodge, Bretby Park, Bretby (9/2008/0701/FH).

Appeal Dismissed

The erection of a detached dwelling and single garage at No. 115 Springfield Road, Etwall (9/2008/0738/FM).

DC/74. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION – MELBOURNE (Paragraph 2)

The Committee agreed to take enforcement action in respect of an unauthorised metal fence in Melbourne.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION – EGGINTON (Paragraph 2)

The Committee agreed to take enforcement action in respect of the unauthorised parking of a commercial vehicle in Egginton.

M.J.P. BALE

CHAIRMAN