

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held at the Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone.

17<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Present: Mrs. A.M. Tyler (Chairman)  
Mr. M.R. Bounds  
Mrs. P.Kenney  
Mr. L.M.Phillimore  
Mr. A.Greenwood  
LCC Cllr. Mr.D.Jennings

Mr. M.E.Jackson  
Mr. P.Cox  
Mr. J.Riley  
Ms. S.Tomlinson  
Mr. L.Breckon (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES**

None.

2. **RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS INTEREST**

None.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20th March 2014 be approved.

4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Two late planning applications were considered:

**14/0293/1/PX** – Erection of modular unit (B1 use) - land adjacent Unit 73, Cambridge Road, Whetstone.

**RESOLVED:** Council does not object to this application.

**14/0345/1/HPX** – Extensions and alterations to property including construction of a detached garage – 5 Otter Way, Whetstone.

**RESOLVED:** Council wished to make the following comments – The garage sits on the curtilage / pavement which means the removal of an established tree and hedge. If the garage was set back off the curtilage / pavement, towards the house, similar to the neighbouring property, Council would have no objection or issues.

5. **TO COMMENT ON NEIGHBOURING PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Two neighbouring planning applications were considered:

**14/0211/1/OX** – Proposed development (maximum 150 dwellings) associated landscaping and public open space with vehicular access from Cosby Road and emergency access off Willoughby Road (outline) – Land off Cosby Road, Countesthorpe – Persimmon Homes.

**RESOLVED:** Council wished to **object** on the following grounds: The impact on the road infrastructure may be effective within the immediate site and its exit on to the Cosby Road, but no allowance is made for the effect on the wider road infrastructure and other services on Whetstone, Blaby, Glen Parva, Enderby or Littlethorpe / Narborough. Council wish to **comment** that the settlement of Countesthorpe is getting nearer to Whetstone with this application.

**14/0216/1/OX** - Proposed residential development (max 165 dwellings) associated landscaping and public open space with vehicular access from Cork Lane (Outline) – Land off Cork Lane, Glen Parva – Manor Oak Homes.

**RESOLVED:** Council wished to **object** on the following ground: The impact on the road infrastructure may be effective within the immediate site, but no allowance has been made for the effect on the wider road network and into surrounding villages such as Blaby, Whetstone, Enderby and Littlethorpe / Narborough. Council wish to **comment** that this development could be accessed through the Navigation Drive entrance into the site. Landfill issues and highlighted concerns could be addressed under controlled and enforceable planning conditions.

**6. DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

The following planning decisions had been received:

**13/0803/1/MX** – Land east of Springwell Lane , Whetstone  
**GRANTED**

Whetstone **14/0044/1/PX** – Land rear of Enderby Industrial Estate,  
**GRANTED**

**14/0121/1/PY** – Dog & Gun PH, Whetstone  
**GRANTED**

**14/0039/1/HPX** – 2 Wakeling Close, Whetstone  
**GRANTED**

**14/0157/1/HPX** – 39 East Avenue, Whetstone  
**GRANTED**

**14/0179/1/HPX** – 47 East Avenue, Whetstone  
**GRANTED**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman invited Mr. A.Greenwood, as BDC Cabinet Portfolio holder, to overview the latest BDC Planning matters related to the Judicial Review. He updated the meeting with the latest situation.

A change was due relating to the overall housing numbers required annually by the District. BDC had set 382 to be built during the period covered in its approved Local Plan. Government had now amended this to be between 367 and 403. Whilst the District was not too far away from the higher figure, the issues caused by the delay with the Judicial Review related to housing land supply which could affect Blaby District. Members felt that the numbers set and approved should be honored, and not as a minimum but as an agreed total.

The recent Leicester Lions application was mentioned as having been approved against an Officer recommendation to refuse.

The Springwell lane anti-nesting netting was discussed as to its legality.

**RESOLVED:** That the verbal reports be accepted.

With there being no further business, the Chairman thanked

everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.