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WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Planning Committee held on 26 May 2009 at 6.45pm.

Public Participation session between 6.30pm and 6.45pm:

Mr John Haynes from Kier Eastern made a representation regarding the proposed development of the Kier Eastern site on South Brink. He informed councillors that the plan was to demolish the current building after a new, more efficient, and suitable building was in place on-site. No enlargement of the site would take place but the new building would be 40% larger, with further scope for expansion. This would negate the current need for portacabin use. Once demolished, the old building site would be landscaped for car parking.

Cllr Wright thanked Mr Hayes for his presentation and councillors noted that the outline planning application should be submitted within the next couple of weeks.

Minutes: Deputy Clerk, Mrs S Farmer

Present: Cllr Mrs Y Lawrence, Town Mayor, and Cllrs Mrs C Cox, JR Farmer, R Fulcher, Mrs V Macrae, N Meekins, P O'Dell, D Oliver, M Parker and T Wright. Cllr L Sims, Deputy Town Mayor arrived at 7pm.

1. Election of Chairman for 2009/2010

Cllr Meekins took the Chair and called for nominations. On the proposal of Cllr Mrs Lawrence, seconded by Cllr Mrs Cox, it was agreed that Cllr T Wright be elected Chairman for 2009/2010.

Cllr Wright took the Chair.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2009/2010

On the proposal of Cllr Mrs Cox, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lawrence, it was agreed that Cllr N Meekins be elected Vice-Chairman for 2009/2010.

3. Apologies

- a) Apologies and reasons for absence
Cllr M Hill – other committee commitment
- b) the above absence was approved

4. Declaration of interest

Cllr Wright declared an interest in application F/YR09/0309/F as the applicant was a personal friend. He left the room for this application and took no part in the discussion.

5. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2009 having been circulated were AGREED and signed as a true and correct record.

6. Fenland District Council

- a) Members noted the list of FDC decisions for May 2009

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b) Members noted the information that was tabled regarding the FDC Planning Committee Meeting of 6 June 2009

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F/YR09/0203/F - open space at Musticott Place – formation of 10 parking spaces-**Granted**

F/YR09/0245/F 31 Staithe Road – Erection of part 2-storey/single storey extension-**Granted**

- Applications before FDC members on 6 June 2009

F/YR09/0250/FDC - Applicant : Mr S Napier, Fenland District Council

Land Off, Hawkins Drive: Residential Development (0.1ha - 4 dwellings max)

This proposal is before the Planning Committee due to Fenland District Council involvement and the number of objections received.

7. Cambridgeshire County Council

Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

Members noted the invitation on 4 June 2009 to a public exhibition regarding the proposed development of The Blackfriars Arms PH, St Augustine's Road.

9. Revisions to previously received applications

F/YR09/0115/F, F/YR09/0116/LB – see schedule

10. Applications for planning permission

The applications enumerated on the attached schedule were considered and recommendations duly made.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm

Signed.....

Dated



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APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – 26 May 2009

Reference	Description	Comments
F/YR09/0115/F	<p>Change of use of offices to form 1 x 3-bed and 1 x 2-bed town houses and 1 x 1-bed flat involving demolition of single-storey rear extension – 30 and 31 Old Market for Mr Peter Humphrey</p> <p>Revision is: removal of ground floor flat and alterations to ground floor arrangement.</p>	<p>Recommend REFUSAL as members consider the 1 x 1 bed flat overdevelopment of the site. They recommend the offices be returned to two town houses.</p> <p>Members recommend APPROVAL in consideration of the revisions to the application.</p>
F/YR09/0116/LB	<p>Internal and external alterations to form 1 x 3-bed and 1 x 2-bed town houses and 1 x 1-bed flat involving demolition of single-storey rear extension – 30 and 31 Old Market for Mr Peter Humphrey</p> <p>Revision is: removal of ground floor flat and alterations to ground floor arrangement.</p>	<p>Recommend REFUSAL as members consider the flat roof inappropriate and not in-keeping. Members wish the Conservation Officer to be consulted as these properties are in a key part of town.</p> <p>Members still wish the Conservation Officer to be consulted. If the flat roof remains part of the application, previous comments stand; otherwise members have no further objections to this proposal.</p>
F/YR09/0306/F	<p>Moy Park Limited Mount Pleasant Road - Erection of a refrigeration plant with associated screen wall and canopy for Miss Lynsey Pryor</p>	<p>Recommend APPROVAL as members have no objections or observations in respect of this application.</p>
F/YR09/0309/O	<p>Land South West Of 153 Leverington Road – Erection of 5 chalet dwellings for Mr D Hubbard</p>	<p>Members recommend REFUSAL as this application amounts to overdevelopment of the site and the proposal is not in-keeping with the area. There are also concerns regarding such development of this site and traffic issues on to a particularly busy main road.</p>
F/YR09/0318/FDC	<p>The Boat House Harbour Square - Display of 4 no fascia signs and 5 no vinyl window decals for Mrs N Rowlands</p>	<p>Recommend APPROVAL as members have no objections or observations in respect of this application.</p>