

PLANNING COMMITTEE

8 MARCH 2011

Present:- Councillors Heaney (Chairman), Chapman (Vice-Chairman), Bragg, Candy, Casey, G V Guglielmi, Johnson, J King, McLeod, Powell, Rutson, Skeels, Watson, Whitson.

Substitute Members:- Councillors N W Turner (for Councillor Mitchell), Watling (for Councillor Fawcett).

Also Present:- Councillor McWilliams.

In Attendance:- Interim Head of Planning, Development Control Team Manager (GP) (except items 122 - 124), Planning Consultant, Principal Solicitor, Democratic Services Officer.

(7.00 p.m. – 8.40 p.m.)

113.. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed those present to this the first meeting of the Committee under its new title of Planning Committee.

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Brown and Mitchell.

115. CONDOLENCES

The Chairman extended sincere condolences on behalf of herself and the Committee to Councillor Brown whose father had sadly passed away at the weekend.

116. APPLICATION TO BE WITHDRAWN

The Chairman advised that item A.2 – Planning Application 10/001270/FUL – Land adjoining Ipswich Road and Wick Lane, Ardleigh had been withdrawn by the Applicant.

117. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 January 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

118. PLANNING APPEALS AND DECISIONS

The Committee noted the contents of a report (submitted for information only) advising them of the details of current planning appeals and decisions.

119. APPLICATION 10/01470/FUL - CHURCHILL COURT, PARKESTON ROAD, DOVERCOURT - DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGES AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

The Committee had before it the published officer report containing an appraisal of the key planning issues, relevant planning policies, planning history, any response from consultees, written representations received and a recommendation of approval and a summary of recommended conditions.

Councillor Rutson declared a personal interest in the application as one of the Ward Members and remained in the meeting during the consideration thereof and the voting thereon.

It was moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McLeod and:-

RESOLVED – That application 10/01470/FUL be approved, subject to conditions providing:-

- Standard 3 year time limit
- List of approved plans
- Details of retaining structure abutting highway
- Closure of existing vehicular accesses on Harcourt Avenue

Reason for approval

In approving this application the Local Planning Authority has taken account of the Development Plan policies and/or proposals listed in the officer report and it considers that the proposed development is in accord with those policies and does not harm public amenity.

120. APPLICATION 11/00031/FUL - 138 CLACTON ROAD, ST OSYTH - PROPOSED WIDENING OF EXISTING VEHICULAR CROSSING

The Committee had before it the published officer report containing an appraisal of the key planning issues, relevant planning policies, planning history, any response from consultees, written representations received and a recommendation of approval and a summary of recommended conditions.

It was moved by Councillor McLeod, seconded by Councillor Rutson and:-

RESOLVED - That application 11/00031/FUL be approved, subject to conditions providing:-

- Standard 3 year time limit
- List of approved plans
- Pedestrian Visibility Splays
- Parking minimum dimensions

Reason for approval

The proposed widening of the existing vehicular access complies with the Development Plan and will cause no material harm to highway safety.

121. PROVISIONAL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 10/12 – LYON CLOSE, HOLLAND ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA

The Committee were requested to determine whether the provisional Tree Preservation Order, made in respect of nine individual trees and two groups on land at Lyon Close, Clacton-on-Sea, should be confirmed or allowed to lapse.

It was moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McLeod and:-

RESOLVED – That Tree Preservation Order 10/12 be confirmed without modification.

122. PROVISIONAL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 10/28 – LAND REAR OF MARY LANE SOUTH, GREAT BROMLEY

The Committee were requested to determine whether the provisional Tree Preservation Order, made in respect of one group and one woodland on land rear of Mary Lane South, Great Bromley, should be confirmed or allowed to lapse.

Councillor Heaney declared a personal interest in the application as one of the Ward Members and remained in the meeting during the consideration thereof and the voting thereon.

It was moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McLeod and:-

RESOLVED – That Tree Preservation Order 10/28 be confirmed without modification.

123. PLANNING MATTERS: LOCAL PROTOCOL FOR COUNCILLORS

Members were asked to consider whether to recommend to the Standards Committee that revisions to Planning Matters: Local Protocol for Councillors, as contained in item A.7 of the Report of the Interim Head of Planning, and incorporating the further proposed amendments detailed on the update sheet provided to Members at the meeting, should be approved.

It was moved by Councillor Candy, seconded by Councillor Heaney and:-

RESOLVED - That Members agree the amendments to Planning Matters: Local Protocol for Councillors and refer the Protocol as amended to the Standards Committee for formal adoption at its meeting on 14 March 2011, subject to a written addendum to report A.2 to that meeting with the comments of Members of the Planning Committee at this evening's meeting and indicating those comments which were universally supported by Members of the Planning Committee.

Note: Members wished the Independent Remuneration Panel be requested to review allowances in light of increased duties arising from the proposed regular scheduled formal site visits.

124. THANK YOU

The Chairman wished to extend her heartfelt thanks and good wishes for the future to Elizabeth Wilson, Interim Head of Planning, who was attending her last meeting of the Committee before leaving the Council, and all those present joined in a round of applause.

125. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business to be considered below on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Chairman