

PLANNING COMMITTEE

3 JANUARY 2013

Present:- Councillors Heaney (Chairman), Challinor (Vice-Chairman), Brown, Fawcett, Howard, Johnson, McLeod, G L Mitchell, Simons, Turner and White

Also Present:- Councillors G V Guglielmi (Portfolio Holder for Planning), Casey (items 108 (part) to 112), De-Vaux Balbirnie and Nicholls

In Attendance:- Head of Planning (Catherine Bicknell), Planning Team Leader (Martyn Fulcher), Legal Services Manager (Michael Gibson-Davies) and Democratic Services Officer (Elizabeth Ridout)

(6.00 p.m. - 7.37 p.m.)

99.. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting, introduced Members of the Committee and Officers, and outlined the procedure.

100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

An apology for absence was made on behalf of Councillor Candy, with Councillor Turner substituting.

101. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 December 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

102. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED MINUTES

There were none.

103. NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS TO BE DEFERRED/WITHDRAWN

The Chairman advised that Planning Application 11/01172/OUT had been deferred prior to the meeting to allow responses from the Environment Agency and Essex County Council's Highways Section.

104. PLANNING APPLICATIONS WHERE THERE WILL BE PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Chairman advised that there would be public speaking on Planning Application 12/00490/FUL – Hockley Farm, Church Road, Frating.

105. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 15.3 (IF ANY)

There were none.

106. PLANNING PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

107. PLANNING APPEALS AND APPEAL DECISIONS

The Committee noted the contents of a report (submitted for information only) which provided details of recent planning appeals and appeal decisions.

108. PLANNING APPLICATION - 12/00935/FUL - LAND AT GUTTERIDGE HALL LANE, WEELEY, CO16 9AS

Variation of One No. Pitch Layout (permitted under application ref: 08/00960/FUL) Granted at Appeal Ref: APP/P1560/A/08/2090227 to include the Change of Use of a Stable Building to a Utility/Day Room.

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

The Committee was reminded that this Planning Application had been deferred at the meeting held on 4 December 2012 to allow officers to formally report to Members details of the refusal of Planning Application 12/00692/FUL, for the same Applicant.

During consideration of this matter, the microphones failed and members of the public said they could not hear properly.

Accordingly, it was moved by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor White and:

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Planning Committee.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for a short time to allow members of the public to leave.

109. PLANNING APPLICATION - 12/00949/FUL - LAND ADJACENT TO ARDLEIGH HALL SQUASH CLUB, DEDHAM ROAD, ARDLEIGH, CO7 7LD

Proposed Construction of Three No. Four Bedroom and One No. Three Bedroom Detached Houses and Associated Garages

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

The Committee was reminded that this Planning Application had been deferred at the meeting held on 4 December 2012 to allow officers an opportunity to obtain further information on drainage and highways issues and with a view to seeking from Essex County Council an assessment of integrated water drainage, and from Essex County Council (Highways) formal detailed comments on parking provision in relation to highway safety and convenience along The Street, Ardleigh.

An update sheet was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting with details of a correction and further representation received.

It was moved by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Johnson and:

RESOLVED that the Head of Planning (or equivalent authorised officer) be authorised to grant planning permission for the development, subject to:-

(a) Within three months of the date of the Committee's resolution to approve, the completion of a legal agreement under the provisions of section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 dealing with the following matters:

- Public Open Space Provision; and
- Outdoor Sports Facility Projects.

(b) Planning conditions in accordance with those set out in (i) below (but with such amendments and additions, if any, to the detailed wording thereof as the Head of Planning (or the equivalent authorised officer) in their discretion considers appropriate) and with the reason for approval set out in (ii) below.

(i) Conditions:

1. Time Limit for commencement – three years
2. Development in accordance with the plans
3. Permeable surfacing
4. Materials
5. Hard and Soft Landscaping
6. Tree protection measures
7. Boundary treatments
8. Refuse storage area to be provided prior to occupation
9. Site Levels
10. Restricted hours of construction and demolition
11. Land contamination
12. Surface water drainage
13. As per Highway Authority recommendations
14. As per key recommendations in phase one habitat survey
15. Parking spaces to existing leisure club car park to be marked out

(ii) Reason for Approval

This application proposes the erection of four no. residential dwellings and associated garages. The application site lies within the defined settlement boundary of Ardleigh and within the Ardleigh Conservation Area. In this case the Council considers that having taking into account those policies contained within the Development Plan and other material planning considerations, the proposed development is satisfactory in terms of density and scale to the context of the site, impact upon residential amenity, impact upon the character and appearance of the conservation area and highway safety. Furthermore, it is considered the tennis court is surplus to requirements and provides no recreational value to the community, and a financial contribution is provided to be used to assist in the provision of play and or recreation within the Ardleigh parish to compensate for this loss. Accordingly, the proposal is considered to be in accordance with the provisions of the Tendring District Local Plan 2007 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

or;

(c) The Head of Planning (or the equivalent authorised officer) be authorised to refuse planning permission in the event that the legal agreement has not been completed within the period of three months referred to in (a) above, as the requirements necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms will not then have been secured through S106 planning obligation, contrary to Local Plan Policy COM6 and the aims and aspirations of policies COM7/7a.

110. PLANNING APPLICATION - 12/00490/FUL - HOCKLEY FARM, CHURCH ROAD, FRATING, CO7 7HG

Erection of Polytunnels and Construction of Agricultural Reservoir

Councillors Heaney and Nicholls each declared a non-pecuniary interest as Ward Members.

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

The Committee was reminded that this Planning Application had been deferred at the meeting held on 2 October 2012 to allow officers to obtain and assess comments from the Environment Agency and Network Rail in relation to the revised proposal.

An update sheet was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting with details of a correction to the report.

Mr Mark Culley, a local resident, spoke against the application.

Councillor Nicholls spoke against the application.

Mr David Edward, the Applicant, spoke in support of the application.

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

RESOLVED that the Head of Planning (or equivalent authorised officer) be authorised to grant planning permission for the development subject to:-

1. Time Limit for commencement – three years
2. Development in accordance with the plans
3. Biodiversity compensation/mitigation scheme
4. Landscape scheme
5. No excavated materials to be exported from site
6. Details of warning signage adjacent to public right of way
7. Removal of polytunnels and such other associated supporting structures and foundations above and below ground once useful economic life finished on such terms as the Head of Planning Services considers appropriate
8. No internal, external or other lighting without prior permission on such terms (which may include requirement for a lighting scheme) as the Head of Planning Services considers appropriate
9. As required by key recommendations of habitat survey
10. Details of drainage to ensure any reservoir overflow and storm/surface water does not flow towards the railway

Reason for Granting Planning Permission:

The proposal for the erection of polytunnels and construction of one agricultural reservoir is considered to be in accordance with the provisions of Policies EN1, EN16 and RA8 of the Tendring District Local Plan 2007 and other development plan policies listed. In particular, the scale of the proposal would not have a significant adverse impact on the landscape characteristics of the locality or residential amenity and a biodiversity compensation/mitigation plan secured by condition will soften the development and provide enhancement to the landscape and the local wildlife environment. Furthermore, the proposed development is not considered to have an adverse impact on the local highway network or public right of way.

Informative:

Highway Informative regarding public's right and ease of passage over the public footpath is maintained free and unobstructed at all times.

111. PLANNING APPLICATION - 11/01172/OUT - LAND REAR OF EDWARD STREET AND UNA ROAD, PARKESTON, CO12 4PS

With reference to Minute 103 above, this application had been deferred prior to the meeting to allow responses from the Environment Agency and Essex County Council Highways.

112. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.37 p.m.

113. PLANNING APPLICATION - 12/00949/FUL - LAND ADJACENT TO ARDLEIGH HALL SQUASH CLUB, DEDHAM ROAD, ARDLEIGH, CO7 7LD

Proposed Construction of Three No. Four Bedroom and One No. Three Bedroom Detached Houses and Associated Garages

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

The Committee was reminded that this Planning Application had been deferred from the meeting held on 30 October 2012 in order for Officers to investigate the existing demand for the tennis courts on the site and the demand for such facilities across the District, and to verify the position regarding highway issues (particularly the level of onsite car parking).

An update sheet was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting with details of further representations.

Councillor Stock, on behalf of Ardleigh Parish Council, spoke against the application.

It was moved by Councillor McLeod and seconded by Councillor Challinor that Planning Application 12/00949/FUL be approved, subject to conditions summarised in the officer report with such final detailed wording of those conditions as the Head of Planning considered appropriate, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Corporate Services and relevant Ward Members, which motion on being put to the vote was declared LOST.

It was moved by Councillor Candy, seconded by Councillor McLeod and:

RESOLVED that Planning Application 12/00949/FUL be deferred to allow officers an opportunity to obtain further information on drainage and highways issues and with a view to seeking from Essex County Council an assessment of integrated water drainage, and from Essex County Council (Highways) formal detailed comments on parking provision in relation to highway safety and convenience along The Street, Ardleigh.

114. PLANNING APPLICATION - 12/01126/FUL - LANDMARK HOUSE, FRATING ROAD, GREAT BROMLEY, CO7 7JN

Change of Use from Office (Use Class B1) to a Single Dwelling (Use Class C3)

Councillor Heaney declared a non-pecuniary interest as Ward Member.

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

An update sheet was circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting with details of further representations.

Mr Andrew Beard, the Applicant's Agent, spoke in support of the application.

It was moved by Councillor Candy, seconded by Councillor Broderick and:

RESOLVED that the Head of Planning (or equivalent authorised officer) be authorised to grant planning permission for the development subject to:-

(a) Within three months of the date of the Committee's resolution to approve, the completion of a legal agreement under the provisions of Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 dealing with Public Open Space Provision be undertaken; and

(b) Planning conditions in accordance with those set out in (i) below (but with such amendments and additions, if any, to the detailed wording thereof as the Head of Planning (or the equivalent authorised officer) in their discretion considers appropriate) and with the reason for approval set out in (ii) below.

(i) Conditions:

1. Time limit for commencement – Three years
2. Development in accordance with the submitted plans

(ii) Reason for approval:

In approving this application, the Local Planning Authority had taken account of the development plan policies listed. The amount of employment floor space to be lost was too small to justify a financial contribution under Local Plan Policy ER3. It was considered that conversion to a single residential dwelling would represent a more sustainable form of development in this rural residential area, resulting in a less intensive use of the access and removing all commercial vehicle movements. Occupation by a business unrelated to the neighbouring dwelling would also be likely to result in harm to residential amenity. It was therefore considered that those matters outweighed the fact that the site was located outside of the defined development boundary. Residential conversion of this building to a single dwelling would not seriously undermine the Council's housing settlement policies and would not set a harmful precedent for the surrounding area.

(c) The Head of Planning (or the equivalent authorised officer) be authorised to refuse planning permission in the event that such legal agreement had not been completed within the period of three months, as the requirements necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms had not been secured through S106 planning obligation, contrary to Local Plan Policy COM6.

115. PLANNING APPLICATION - 10/00202/FUL, 10/00203/FUL AND 10/00204/LBC-BATHSIDE BAY, STOUR ROAD, HARWICH, CO12 3HF

With reference to Minute 85 above, these applications had been deferred prior to the meeting in order to allow a written response and legal consultation to be made regarding a late representation.

116. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.03 p.m.

117. SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEES AND THEIR CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN

To avoid the need for formal meetings of the Licensing and Regulatory Committees to be held to appoint their Sub-Committees and the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of those Sub-Committees:-

It was moved by Councillor Stock, duly seconded and:-

RESOLVED – (a) That the Appeals Sub-Committee be, and is, hereby appointed and that the members thereof for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year be as follows:-

Councillor Aldis
 Councillor Bragg
 Councillor S A Honeywood
 Councillor Nicholls
 Councillor Platt
 Councillor Simons

(b) That Councillor S A Honeywood be elected Chairman of the Appeals Sub-Committee for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

(c) That Councillor Platt be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Appeals Sub-Committee for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

(d) That the Licensing (General Purposes) Sub-Committee be, and is, hereby appointed and that the members thereof for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year be as follows:-

Councillor Casey
 Councillor De-Vaux Balbirnie
 Councillor Downing
 Councillor Fawcett
 Councillor V E Guglielmi
 Councillor Powell
 Councillor Pugh
 Councillor Skeels

(e) That Councillor Downing be elected Chairman of the Licensing (General Purposes) Sub-Committee for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

(f) That Councillor Fawcett be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Licensing (General Purposes) Sub-Committee for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

(g) That Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee 'A' be, and is, hereby appointed

and that the members thereof for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year be as follows, with the appointment of a third member from the Labour Group, which appointment to be dealt with by the Chief Executive in accordance with the authority delegated to him to appoint a member at the request of the Group Leader:-

Councillor Downing
Councillor Powell

(h) That Councillor Downing be elected Chairman of the Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee 'A' for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

(i) That Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee 'B' be, and is, hereby appointed and that the members thereof for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year be as follows:-

Councillor V E Guglielmi
Councillor G L Mitchell
Councillor Shearing

(j) That Councillor V E Guglielmi be elected Chairman of the Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee 'B' for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

(k) That Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee 'C' be, and is, hereby appointed and that the members thereof for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year be as follows:-

Councillor De Vaux-Balbirnie
Councillor Fawcett
Councillor Platt

(l) That Councillor Platt be elected Chairman of the Premises/Personal Licences Sub-Committee 'C' for the 2011/2012 Municipal Year.

118. TENDRING DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS CONSULTATION

Council's approval was sought in respect of the Tendring District Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation.

The Local Plan Committee had considered the consultation document at its meeting held on 9 June 2016 and Council had before it the Committee's recommendations.

Council also had before it a report of the Head of Planning Services which informed Members of major as well as minor changes to the consultation documents in order to make the Plan up-to-date prior to public consultation and to be consistent in not allocating sites for housing which had been refused permission. Some of those changes were a result of decisions made by the Planning Committee at its meeting held on 14 June 2016. The changes had been made to the Plan attached as Appendix A to the report of the Head of Planning Services and a schedule of those changes was provided in Appendix C thereto.

Members had had circulated to them prior to the commencement of the meeting amended maps in relation to Great Bentley and Frinton, Walton, Kirby-le-Soken, Kirby Cross and Great Holland. Those maps had been altered as a result of the recent refusal of related planning applications.

Councillor Stock, Chairman of the Local Plan Committee, thanked the Members of that Committee and the Officers, particularly the Head of Planning Services (Cath Bicknell) and the Planning & Regulation Manager (Simon Meecham), for their hard work and dedicated effort in getting the Local Plan to its current position. He also thanked the members of the

public and representatives of parish councils who had participated in the public speaking scheme at meetings of the Local Plan Committee.

Councillors Stock, Turner, Scott, Winfield, Parsons, Stephenson, Calver, Bray, V E Guglielmi, Howard, G V Guglielmi, Coley, Broderick and M Brown participated in the debate.

It was moved by Councillor Stock, seconded by Councillor Turner and RESOLVED that Council:

(a) approves the content of the Tendring District Local Plan Preferred Options consultation document, attached as Appendix A to the Report of the Head of Planning Services, which incorporates the changes set out in Appendix C thereto and including the amended maps for Great Bentley and Frinton, Walton, Kirby-le-Soken, Kirby Cross and Great Holland, as circulated, for public consultation for a period of eight weeks;

(b) delegates authority to the Head of Planning Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Plan Committee, to make minor amendments to the text of the Local Plan consultation documents up to the point of publication for consultation purposes. Such amendments are to be circulated to all Members of the Council prior to the commencement of the public consultation; and

(c) delegates authority to the Head of Planning Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Plan Committee, to agree the content of the Sustainability Appraisals for the Local Plan Consultation Documents for public consultation for a period of six weeks. The content of the Sustainability Appraisals are to be circulated to all Members of the Council prior to the commencement of the public consultation.

NOTES: (1) in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 18.5, Councillors Bray, Broderick, Parsons and Whitmore each requested that they be recorded in the minutes as having voted against the above decisions; and

(2) in addition, Councillor G V Guglielmi requested that he be recorded in the minutes as having abstained from voting on the above decisions.

119. URGENT MATTERS FOR DEBATE

There were none on this occasion.

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There were none on this occasion.

Chairman