

AT A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND GENERAL WORKS COMMITTEE
OF BRACKLEY TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE UPPER HALL, TOWN HALL,
BRACKLEY ON MONDAY 14TH MAY 2007 at 7.30 pm

Present: The Deputy Town Mayor (Councillor K Dixon)
Councillors C S Billingham, C J Blunden, D Dunham,
T D Hayward, P Joyce and P M Titchener

Apologies: The Worshipful the Town Mayor (Councillor P J Broomfield)

In attendance: Councillors K D Bonner-Dunham, C O Cartmell and W B Stimpson

23. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor Hayward nominated Councillor Blunden and this was seconded by Councillor Dunham. It was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Blunden be elected Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

24. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Councillor Billingham nominated Councillor Joyce and this was seconded by Councillor Hayward. It was

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Joyce be elected Vice Chairman of this Committee for the ensuing year.

25. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

26. SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL STRATEGIC HOUSING TEAM

The Chairman welcomed Miss Jo Harrison and Miss Jacqueline Brooks to speak to Members about the Section 106 off-site affordable housing contributions.

Councillor Billingham questioned whether there was sufficient sheltered housing in the Town as she had been told of people who had been turned down for this type of accommodation and she wondered whether sometimes priority was given to people from surrounding villages or other parts of the County. Miss Harrison said she would pass on these comments but so far as her team was aware, the needs were covered.

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26. SNC STRATEGIC HOUSING TEAM Cont'd....

Details were then given of the sum received from the McCarthy & Stone development in Buckingham Road. Miss Harrison said they would look at using the money within Brackley first, followed by surrounding villages and then the whole of the District. She said the best way forward would be to invest the money in other developments.

Members were then asked if the Town Council wished to be involved in the discussions regarding housing requirements in the future and this was totally agreed by all Councillors.

The Chairman thanked Miss Harrison and Miss Brooks for their attendance.

27. FACCENDA GROUP LTD

An invitation had been issued to Members to attend Faccenda Group Ltd to discuss the newly implemented chimney stack. Councillors Blunden, Broomfield, Dixon, Joyce, Stocker and Titchener said they would like to attend. Councillor Bonner-Dunham said that concern had been voiced by residents in west Brackley that the smell may travel to this part of the Town because of the height of the chimney and she asked that this be voiced at the meeting. Councillor Joyce said that this had been mentioned at a previous meeting but the situation will be monitored over the next five years by the Environment Agency. It was

RESOLVED:

That Councillors Blunden, Broomfield, Dixon, Joyce, Stocker and Titchener attend a meeting at Faccenda Group Ltd on 4th June 2007.

28. HIGHWAYS STREET PARKING

A copy of a letter from South Northamptonshire Council concerning parking issues was attached to the Agenda together with a letter from the Transport Planning Manager at County Council.

Members were updated with the situation regarding traffic regulation orders, road markings and signage and advised that once Public Consultation had taken place these would be implemented in August 2007.

Councillor Billingham suggested that contact be made with the headteacher at Magdalen College School to ask if the school would consider getting involved in the yellow bus service mentioned in the letter from the Transport Planning Manager at County Council.

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28. HIGHWAYS STREET PARKING Cont'd...

Councillor Cartmell questioned whether the Brackley Buzzer did a school run prior to the start of the service in Brackley as he said he often saw it parked in Turweston Road and he suggested that the service could be extended in the Town by half an hour in the mornings and requested that County Council be asked if it could extend the service. It was

RESOLVED:

- 1) That a letter be sent to Magdalen College School asking if it would consider getting involved in the yellow bus service.
- 2) That County Council be asked to consider extending the Buzzer service for half an hour in the mornings.

29. MOBILE RADIO BASE MAST

Members comments were sought on an intended application for a mobile radio mast at the preferred site at Brackley Football Club, Churchill Way. Councillor Billingham said she felt it was too close to dwellings and Councillor Titchener agreed with this comment. Councillor Dunham said that in term of emissions the safest place was under the mast. Councillor Bonner-Dunham commented that there were a lot of young people round the area. It was suggested that more information is obtained regarding distances from houses, exact location, power output, height, etc. Councillor Dunham agreed to liaise with the Town Clerk regarding Tetra Communications. It was

RESOLVED:

That further information is sought.

30. EMERGENCY PLANNING

Members were advised that the Town Clerk and Councillor Bonner-Dunham had attended a seminar in March and details were contained in the Report. The Town Clerk advised that contact had been made with Doug Grace at South Northamptonshire Council but it has not been possible to arrange a visit to date. A meeting had been arranged with Mrs Stephenson from SNC Emergency Planning Dept. Councillor Bonner-Dunham felt that the Town needed to be broken down into smaller patches. Councillor Cartmell commented that a system had been in place for some years and he questioned why this could not be updated. After discussion it was

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30 EMERGENCY PLANNING Cont'd...

RESOLVED:

That the matter be deferred until after the meeting with South Northamptonshire Council

31. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

S070316P	4 Glebe Drive	Two storey side extension and fencing to side. Decision: No observations
S070337P	15 Magpie Lane	Ground floor extension at side with the creation of basement wood store below. Decision: No observations
S070375P	57 Humphries Drive	Conversion of double garage in to single garage and habitable room. Decision: No observations
S070380P	63 Wodhams Drive	Single storey extension and conservatory to rear. Decision: No observations
S070384P	53 Wodhams Drive	Side extension part first floor part two storey Decision: No observations
S070389P	10 Chaffinch Way	Two storey extension to rear. Decision: No observations
S070402P	79 Stuart Road	Replacement conservatory to rear. Decision: No observations
S070403P	Rear of 22 High Street	Part demolition of workshop, new MOT garage and staff/public areas. Decision: APPLICATION WITHDRAWN
S070410P	Brackley Connect Northampton Road	External facing ATM. Decision: No observations
S070425P	1 Old Brewery Walk	Two storey side extension. Decision: No observations.

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31. PLANNING APPLICATIONS Cont'd.....

S070484P	2 Hayman Road	Replacement fence to front and side of house with fence and wall and fence panels. Decision: No observations
S070485P	28 Dumas Cul de Sac	Two storey extension to rear. Decision: No observations
S070486P	14 Brewin Close	Conversion of integral garage into residential living space. Decision: No observations
S070497P	Land at Churchill Way/ Chadleigh Court	Erection of two storey building to provide two flats. Decision: Undesirable infilling insufficient parking, entrance and egress difficulties and massing too close to junction.
S070502P	41 Ellesmere Crescent	Single storey extension at front and rear and canopy over front door. Decision: No observations
S070503P	8 Clement Bois	Front porch extension and first floor extension to side. Decision: No observations
S070504P	9 Flora Thompson Drive	First floor extension at side and formation of bathroom in part of roof space. Decision: No observations
S070521P	7 Valley Road	Erection of a dwelling. Decision: OBJECTION on the grounds of over-development and insufficient access off hammerhead
S070538P	5 Boddington Way	Two storey extension at side and erection of a detached garage at side. Decision: No observations
S070546P	Brackley Grange Halse Road	Change of use of farm buildings to light industrial/office/research (B1) with parking area. Decision: No observations

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31. PLANNING APPLICATIONS Cont'd....

Amended Plans

S0521303P	Grass Area, Swift Way	Delivery officers second pouch box. Nature of amendment: Change from single delivery officers pouch box to double pouch box. Decision: No objection but a request is made that this be painted red.
S070065P	112 Halse Road	Single storey extension at rear. Nature of amendment: Introduction of 4 roof lights Decision: No observations
S070384P	53 Wodhams Drive	Side extension part first floor part two storey. Nature of amendment: Reduction in height. Decision: No observations
S070329P	Red Lion 11 Market Place	Alterations to ground floor windows, new gates, new porch, freestanding shelter/walkway, alterations to barn Nature of amendment: Revised description: Replacement windows to front elevation & lowering sill omitted, the alteration now only include replacing the glass to the existing frames. Decision: No observations
S070403P	Rear of 22 High Street	Part demolition of workshop, new MOT garage and staff/public areas. Application withdrawn

32. INFORMATION REPORTS

An Information Report was attached to the Agenda, which covered the following items:

East Midlands Rural Action Plan 2007-2013

Highways Reps Report

The Chairman thanked Mr Bailey for his report and suggested that he be reimbursed for his travel expenses when attending the Reps meetings.

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32. INFORMATION REPORTS Cont'd...

Members also reported several potholes and problems within the Town and asked that these be passed to Mr Bailey for the next reps meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Mr Bailey be thanked for his report and offered travel expenses.

Buckingham County Council

33. GREEN ISSUES PRESENTATION

Councillor Joyce declared a pecuniary interest.

Letters had been circulated to residents regarding the presentation at the Town Hall for a possible development at Brackley Fields.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Chairman

Councillor Broomfield declared a personal interest in the Committee's consideration of each of the applications on the agenda by virtue of his membership of South Northamptonshire Council's Development Control Committee and stated that any views expressed by him would not be his final views on the merits of an application. He further stated that he would come to a final view on the merits of an application in the event that he was asked to determine it at SNC's Development Control Committee at which stage he would be in possession of the officer's report and have details of all relevant representations and material planning considerations.