

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

21st FEBRUARY 2006 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: MR. R.J. FURNISS - CHAIRMAN
Mr. D.E. HINTON - VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mrs. M. Aldridge, Mrs. R. Camamile, Mrs. C.M. Claridge, Mrs. M.A. Cook, Mr. W.J. Crooks, Mr. R.D. Ellis, Mrs. D. Finney, Mr. C.G. Joyce, Ms. J.E. Price, Mrs. M.L. Sherwin, Mr. J.E. Stanley, Mr. K. Vessey and Mr. R. Ward.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.4 Messrs. P.R. Batty, D.C. Bill and N.B.L. Davis also attended the meeting.

Officers in attendance: Mr. R. Brown, Mr. P.F. Cash, Mrs. T. Darke, Mr. S. Field, Mr. S. Payne, Mrs. P.I. Pitt and Mr. D. Warden.

423 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr. C.W. Boothby, Mr. D.R. Bown, Mr. J.F. Collins, Mr. B.H. Edwards and Mrs. E.A. Spencer and the following substitutions authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3:-

Mrs. Claridge for Mr. Collins
Mrs. Sherwin for Mr. Edwards
Mr. Ward for Mr. Boothby

424 MINUTES (P70)

On the motion of Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Crooks it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2006 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

425 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. Furniss declared a personal interest in report number P74, since he knew the owner of the property referred to in that report.

Mr. Stanley declared an interest in report P72 which the Chairman indicated had been withdrawn from this evening's agenda.

426 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPLICATION TO BE DETERMINED (P71)

It was moved by Mr. Ellis, and seconded by Mrs. Claridge, that the recommendations of the Head of Culture and Development relating to application number 06/00051/FUL and contained in the schedule submitted, be approved.

427 COMMUNITY FACILITIES, HOLLYCROFT ESTATE (P72)

The Chairman indicated that this item had been withdrawn.

428 PLANNING –GAIN SUPPLEMENT: A CONSULTATION (P73)

The Committee was requested to agree the responses formulated by officers on the above consultation.

In consideration of this reservations were expressed with regard to the use of such a supplement to improve local infrastructure and on the need to consult with residents as to whether they were satisfied with the current Section 106 arrangements. Concerns were raised as to the loss of the local aspect of the Section 106 Agreement by which means developer contributions were used to benefit people moving into and living in a particular area. The Head of Culture and Development indicated that the concerns of Members would be included in the response to the Government but emphasised that residents would be consulted as part of the developing Local Development Framework. On the motion of Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Stanley it was

RESOLVED – the report be noted and, the reply formulated by officers to this consultation be the basis of the response to the Government but that additionally the Head of Culture and Development indicated to the Government the concerns now raised by Members.

Mr. Furniss, having declared an personal interest in the following item withdrew from the meeting at 6.58 p.m. whilst this was considered. Mr. Hinton thereupon took the Chair for consideration of this item only.

429 IVY HOUSE FARM, ODESTONE (P74)

The Committee received information on the current enforcement situation and were reminded of past enforcement action relating to the above site. It was planning officers' intention to try to regularise this situation by controlling and containing the scale of activities and to continue to monitor activity on the site with the procedures currently in place.

Mrs. Finney left the meeting at 7.12 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mr. Hinton and

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

Mr. Furniss and Mrs. Finney returned to the meeting at 7.16 p.m. and the former resumed the Chair.

430 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ACTION (P75)

Members were presented with details of enforcement action taken between October 2005 and January 2006. Future reports, produced on a quarterly basis, would include details of action on all cases reported to officers on a parish area basis. On the motion of Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mrs. Claridge it was

RESOLVED – this interim report be noted and future, more detailed reports, be welcomed.

431 CONSULTATION ON PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 3 (PPS3): HOUSING (P76)

Circulated at the meeting were the financial implications of this report. Members were advised of proposals contained in the above, published for consultation, and requested to endorse officers' proposed response to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM).

Mr. Stanley left the meeting at 7.21 p.m.

The Committee raised concerns that these proposals would diminish the Council's current policies and planning gains. Reservations were also expressed with regard to car parking and the need to increase such provision. It was moved by Mr. Crooks, seconded by Mrs. Sherwin and

RESOLVED – a steering group comprising Mr. D.R. Bown, Mrs. Claridge, Mr. Crooks, Mrs. Finney, Mrs. Sherwin and Mr. Ward be set up to monitor with the Deputy Chief Executive and the Head of Culture and Development the new procedures as they unfold and to examine in depth the concerns now raised by Members.

432 NEW PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 25 (PPS25) DEVELOPMENT AND FLOOD RISK (P77)

Members were advised of the contents of the above, intended to replace the existing PPG25 published in 2001 and requested to agree officers' proposed response to the ODPM.

Whilst welcoming this report Members were agreed as to the need to conserve water and on the motion of Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mrs. Sherwin it was

RESOLVED – the officers' response set out in the report of the Head of Culture and Development be endorsed for submission to the ODPM.

433 APPEALS LODGED AND DETERMINED (P78)

A summary was submitted of appeals lodged and determined since the last meeting. Members referred to the Inspector's findings that the report produced by the B.E. Group, the Council's consultants dealing with 116 High Street, Barwell was contradictory and not subject to consultation or taken forward into any review of policy. The Planning and Building Control Manager indicated that work was ongoing with regard to the consultation exercise and being examined via the developing Local Development Framework. The Head of Culture and Development noted Members' concerns and indicated that a report on the progress of the Local Development Framework would be brought to the next meeting of this Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Furniss, it was

RESOLVED - the report be noted.

434 APPEALS - PROGRESS (P79)

Mr. Crooks left the meeting at 8.20 p.m.

A schedule was submitted indicating the stages which various appeals against planning decisions had reached. On the motion of Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Furniss, it was

RESOLVED - the report be noted.

(The meeting closed at 8.22 p.m.)