

PLANNING COMMITTEE

10 OCTOBER 2006 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MR R J FURNISS - CHAIRMAN

Mrs M Aldridge, Mr C W Boothby, Mr D R Bown, Mrs R Camamile, Mrs M A Cook, Mr W J Crooks, Mr N B L Davis, Mr B H Edwards, Mr R D Ellis, Mrs D Finney, Mrs S Francks, Mr C G Joyce, Ms J E Price, Mrs E A Spencer and Mr K Vessey.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.4 Mr D C Bill, Mrs C M Claridge, Mr J F Collins and Mrs R W Wright also attended the meeting.

Officers in attendance: Mr P Cash, Mrs T Darke, Miss R Owen, Mr R Palmer, Mr S Payne and Mr N Wright.

- APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Messrs Hall, Hinton and Stanley, and the following substitutions were authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3:

Mr N B L Davis for Mr Hall  
Mrs S Francks for Mr Stanley.

- MINUTES (P31)

On the motion of Mrs Aldridge, seconded by Mr Ellis it was

RESOLVED – subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2006 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Bown declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 06/00413/C as a Member of the County Council's Development Board.

Mrs Camamile declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 06/00413/C as a Member of the County Council.

Mr Collins, although not a member of the Committee, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 06/00898/FUL. He was invited to remain in the meeting to speak as Ward Councillor for the area, but left the meeting whilst the decision was taking place.

Mr Davis declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 06/00413/C as he had already expressed an opinion on this matter. He also declared personal, non-prejudicial interests in applications 06/00796/FUL and 06/00840/COU.

Mrs Francks declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 06/00797/FUL as the applicant was known to her.

Mr Furniss declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 06/00592/FUL.

Although not a member of the Committee, Mrs Wright declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 06/00956/FUL, as the applicant.

All Members of the Conservative Group present (Mrs Aldridge, Mr Boothby, Mrs Camamile, Mrs Cook, Mr Davis, Mr Edwards, Mr Furniss, Ms Price and Mrs Spencer) declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 06/00956/FUL as the applicant was a Member of the Conservative Group.

- APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Due to the absence of the Vice-Chairman, Mr Hinton, it was moved by Mrs Camamile, seconded by Mrs Aldridge and

RESOLVED – Mrs Cook be appointed as Vice-Chairman for this meeting only.

- TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED (P32)

The Committee considered a schedule of planning applications, together with a list of late items, and the recommendations of the Head of Culture and Development.

It was moved by Mr Ellis and seconded by Mr Boothby that the recommendations of the Head of Culture and Development contained in the schedule submitted be approved.

Having declared a prejudicial interest in application 06/00413/C, Mr Bown, Mrs Camamile and Mr Davis left the meeting at 6.48pm and returned at 7.02pm.

Having declared a prejudicial interest in the following application, Mr Furniss left the meeting at 7.03pm. Mrs Cook took the Chair.

(a) 06/00592/FUL – The Old Forge Garage, 39 Main Street, Higham on the Hill – George Stew Ltd

Notwithstanding the officers recommendation to refuse the application, Members felt that although the design was of poor quality, the area would be improved by a development on the site and the applicant should be given the opportunity to come up with a better design. It was therefore moved by Mrs Aldridge, seconded by Mr Crooks and

RESOLVED – the application be deferred to allow the applicant to submit revised plans.

Mr Furniss returned to the meeting at 7.16pm and resumed the Chair.

Mrs Finney left the meeting at 7.18pm and returned at 7.22pm.

Having declared a prejudicial interest in application 06/00797/FUL, Mrs Francks left the meeting at 7.30pm and returned at 7.44pm.

(b) 06/00840/COU – Smockington Farm, Watling Street, Smockington – PA Wright and Sons

Members felt that an additional condition should be added with regard to having a Watching Brief to record any archaeological finds on the site.

RESOLVED – the application be approved subject to the conditions

Condition

No development shall take place until the applicant, or their or successors in title, has secured the implementation of a programme of historic building recording. This work shall be conducted in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Mrs Claridge left the meeting at 7.48pm.

(c) 06/00863/COU – Cottage Farm, 2 Cottage Lane, Norton Juxta Twycross – David William Corbett

Although in support of the officers' recommendation, it was requested that condition 3 of officers' report be amended to preclude aircraft movements on bank holidays. It was also requested that a condition be added to preclude taxiing and testing of aircraft.

RESOLVED – the application be approved subject to the conditions contained in the report, the following amended condition 3 and additional conditions:

Conditions

Subject to no objections have been received:

1. The landing strip shall be used by microlight aircraft, and no other type of aircraft shall be permitted to land or take off from it.
2. There shall be no more than 30 microlight aircraft movements from the landing strip in any 24 hour period. A take off or a landing to constitute a movement.
3. The applicant shall provide users of the landing strip with approach and take off routes to avoid overflying nearby properties wherever possible. Such routes to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

Having declared an interest in application 06/00898/FUL, Mr Collins spoke on the application as Ward Councillor then left the meeting whilst the decision was taken at 8.16pm, returning at 8.17pm.

Mr Joyce left the meeting at 8.55pm, returning at 9.00pm, Mr Bill left at 9.00pm and Mr Collins left at 9.03pm.

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 06/00956/FUL, Mrs Aldridge, Mr Boothby, Mrs Camamile, Mrs Cook, Mr Davis, Mr Furniss, Ms Price and Mrs Spencer left the meeting at 9.05pm. Mr Edwards was unable to leave the Chamber but moved away from the table and took no part in the meeting. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman having left the Chamber, Mr Crooks took the Chair for this application.

Mrs Aldridge, Mr Boothby, Mrs Cook, Mr Davis, Mr Furniss and Ms Price returned to the meeting at 9.06pm and Mr Furniss resumed the Chair. Mr Vessey left the meeting at 9.06pm.

- DRAFT STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS IN LEICESTERSHIRE (P33)

Members received a report which advised them of the Draft Statement of Requirements for Developer Contributions in Leicestershire. It was moved by Mr Furniss, seconded by Mr Ellis and

RESOLVED – the adoption of this document be endorsed.

- REMOVAL OF OCCUPANCY RESTRICTION – STANIFORTH COURT, BANK TERRACE, BARWELL (P34)

A report was presented to the Committee which sought Members' authorisation to remove the over 55 years of age occupancy restriction on three ground floor flats at Staniforth Court, Bank Terrace, Barwell. It was explained that these restrictions were no longer appropriate. It was moved by Mr Furniss, seconded by Mr Ellis and

RESOLVED – the over 55 years of age occupancy restriction in respect of the three ground floor flats as stated above be removed.

- APPEALS LODGED AND DETERMINED (P35)

A summary was submitted of appeals lodged and determined since the last meeting. On the motion of Mr Crooks, seconded by Mr Ellis, it was

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

- APPEALS – PROGRESS (P36)

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

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

- MATTERS FROM WHICH THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED

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

RESOLVED - in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the undermentioned item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 2 and 10 of Part I of Schedule 12A of that Act.

- PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ACTION (P37)

Members were provided with a periodic report on planning enforcement actions taken. It was suggested that this report be brought before the Committee every three months in future. On the motion of Mr Crooks, seconded by Mr Ellis, it was

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

(The meeting closed at 9.21pm.)