

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

5 DECEMBER 2006 AT 6.30 PM

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

Mrs M Aldridge, Mr C W Boothby, Mr D R Bown, Mrs R Camamile, Mrs M A Cook, Mrs M J Crooks, Mr W J Crooks, Mr B H Edwards, Mr R D Ellis, Mrs D Finney, Mr M A Hall, Ms J E Price, Mrs E A Spencer and Mr J E Stanley.

Officers in attendance: Mr P F Cash, Ms S Chettle, Mr B Cullen, Mrs T Darke, Ms T Miller, Miss R Owen and Mr S Payne.

367 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr C G Joyce and Mr K Vessey and the substitution of Mrs M J Crooks for Mr Joyce was authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

368 MINUTES (P43)

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

RESOLVED –the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2006 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

369 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Boothby declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 06/00953/FUL.

The Head of Culture and Development declared a personal interest in one of the applications in report P46 as the applicant referred to in paragraph 3.2 was known to him.

370 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED (P44)

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 Crooks and seconded by Mr Ellis that the recommendations of the Head of Culture and Development contained in the schedule submitted be approved.

(a) 06/00980/OUT – Nailstone Colliery, Wood Road, Nailstone – Swip Ltd

Notwithstanding the officers' recommendation to refuse the application, Members were concerned that no progress had been made with the site in excess of 10 years and with the possibility of a waste site, this would be a better option, even if it wasn't their first choice for the site. Members were advised of the advantages of considering the proposals through the Local Development Framework process and concerns over potential implications of approving such a major scheme featured in the Core Strategy ahead of the formal adoption of the Strategy. Members were also advised that the application would have to be forwarded to the Government Office to

determine whether it wished to consider the application.

The amendment that the application be approved was moved by Mrs Camamile, seconded by Mr Crooks and

RESOLVED – the application be approved subject to further negotiations to improve the employment proposal and to seek to retain the ancient woodland where possible.

At the request of the Head of Culture and Development, voting on this application was recorded as follows:

Mrs Aldridge, Mr Boothby, Mrs Camamile, Mrs Cook, Mrs Crooks, Mr Crooks, Mrs Finney, Mr Hall, Ms Price, Mrs Spencer and Mr Stanley voted for the amendment.

Messrs Furniss, Hinton, D Bown, Edwards and Ellis voted against the amendment.

Messrs Boothby and Crooks left the meeting at 7.44pm.

Mr Crooks returned to the meeting at 7.48pm.

Mr Hall left the meeting at 8.25pm. Ms Price left the meeting at 8.38pm.

371 JOINT DCLG AND DEFRA CONSULTATION ON PLANNING AND POLLUTION CONTROL (P45)

Members received a report which considered a response to the Joint DCLG and DEFRA on options for improving the way planning and pollution control regimes work together in delivering new development. It was moved by Mr Bown, seconded by Mr Ellis and

RESOLVED – the responses to the Planning and Pollution Control Consultation be endorsed.

372 APPEALS LODGED AND DETERMINED (P46)

A summary was submitted of appeals lodged and determined since the last meeting. Members expressed concern with regard to signage in conservation areas as the authority was trying to raise standards with regards to this whereas the Appeal Inspector had allowed an appeal against refusal of a sign. On the motion of Mr Crooks, seconded by Mr Ellis, it was

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

373 APPEALS – PROGRESS (P47)

A schedule was submitted indicating the stages that 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 9.10pm.)