

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

1 MAY 2007 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MR RJ FURNISS - CHAIRMAN
MR DE HINTON - VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mrs M Aldridge, Mr DC Bill, Mr CW Boothby, Mr DR Bown, Mr JC Bown, Mrs R Camamile, Mrs MA Cook, Mr BE Edwards, Mrs D Finney, Mr CG Joyce, Mrs ML Sherwin and Mrs EA Spencer.

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

646 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr RD Ellis, Ms J E Price and Mr K Vessey and the substitution of Mr JC Bown for Mr Ellis and Mrs Sherwin for Ms Price was authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

647 MINUTES (P86)

On the motion of Mrs Camamile, seconded by Mrs Aldridge it was

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2007 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman

648 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members of the Conservative Group present at the meeting declared a personal and prejudicial interest in applications 07/00097/LBC and 07/00098/FUL as the applicant's husband was standing for election.

649 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED (P87)

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 Mrs Aldridge and seconded by Mrs Camamile that the recommendations of the Head of Culture and Development contained in the schedule submitted be approved.

Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in applications 07/00097/LBC and 07/00098/FUL, Mrs Aldridge, Mr Boothby, Mrs Camamile, Mrs Cook, Mr Furniss, Mr Hinton, Mrs Sherwin and Mrs Spencer left the meeting at 6.34pm and returned at 6.38pm. Mr DR Bown took the Chair during discussion on these items.

Mr Edwards arrived at 6.38pm.

- (a) 07/00235/OUT – 40 Kingsfield Road, Barwell – Mr and Mrs AJ Spencer

Whilst Members were in support of officers' recommendations to grant outline permission, they expressed concern with regard to the risk of overlooking existing properties and requested that the developer be requested to look at the height of buildings on the edge of the site with a view to erecting dormer bungalows.

RESOLVED – that an additional condition be imposed to restrict the height of the properties on plots 3 and 4 to dormer style bungalows as follows:

Condition 18:

Notwithstanding the details submitted on the approved plan the dwellings hereby permitted on plots 3 and 4 shall be restricted to dormer style bungalows only.

- (b) 07/00287/FUL – Brewers Fayre, Trinity Marina, Coventry Road, Hinckley – Whitbread Group Plc

Although in support of the recommendation to approve, it was requested that a letter be sent to the County Council with regard to road safety due to the increased development and therefore increased traffic on Coventry Road. It was also requested that internal traffic arrangements be looked at.

RESOLVED – the application be approved and a letter be sent to the County Council with regard to road safety.

- (c) 07/00302/FUL – Holywell Farm, Desford Lane, Ratby – Mr and Mrs Watts

Some Members felt that if this application was refused, the site would remain disused, and they also felt that bringing old houses back into use should be supported.

It was moved by Mr Boothby and seconded by Mrs Camamile that the application be approved but with the removal of permitted development rights. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was LOST.

It was therefore

RESOLVED – the application be refused for the reasons given in the report.

- (d) 07/00328/FUL – Playing Fields, Barton Road, Market Bosworth – The Dixie Grammer School

Members fully supported the recommendations contained within the report, but requested that condition 5 be expanded upon to emphasise

that the facilities can be used by local community groups and schools, for sports use only.

RESOLVED – the application be approved with an amended condition 5 as follows:

Amended condition:

The pavilion hereby approved shall be used by the Dixie Grammar School, local schools and local community groups only for sporting activities and associated fixtures, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Mr Boothby left the meeting at 7.55pm.

650 APPEALS LODGED AND DETERMINED (P88)

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

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

651 APPEALS – PROGRESS (P89)

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

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

Mr Boothby returned to the meeting at 8.00pm.

(The meeting closed at 8.08pm.)