

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

21 OCTOBER 2008 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: MR R MAYNE - CHAIRMAN
MR DW INMAN - VICE-CHAIRMAN

Mrs M Aldridge, Mr JG Bannister, Mr JC Bown, Mr MB Cartwright, Mrs A Hall, Mr P Hall, Mr CG Joyce, Mr K Morrell, Mr K Nichols, Mr BE Sutton and Mrs BM Witherford.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.4 Messrs PR Batty and R Ward also attended the meeting.

Officers in attendance: Mrs T Darke, Mr C Merriman, Miss R Owen, Mr TM Prowse and Mr M Rice.

233 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman of the Planning Committee announced that the Council had been ranked first out of 360 authorities for Planning Performance. Officers were thanked for their hard work.

234 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr CW Boothby, Mr WJ Crooks and Mr LJP O'Shea and the substitution of Mr Cartwright for Mr O'Shea authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3. Apologies were also submitted on behalf of Mr JG Bannister who would be late for the meeting.

235 MINUTES (P28)

It was noted that minute 192 of the previous meeting should read "on the motion of Mr Bown, seconded by Mr Crooks...". It was moved by Mr Nichols, seconded by Mr Bown and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2008 be confirmed subject to the above amendment and signed by the Chairman.

236 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

237 DECISIONS DELEGATED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

The Director of Community and Planning Services had no decisions to report.

238 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED (P29)

The Committee considered a schedule of planning applications, together with a list of late items, and the recommendations of the Director of Community and Planning Services.

- (a) 08/00349/FUL – Erection of 145 dwellings and construction of roads and sewers with associated parking, Land opposite superstore, Stoke Road, Hinckley – JS Bloor (Measham) Ltd & Ensco (536) Ltd

Mr Bannister arrived at 6.36pm.

It was moved by Mr Nichols, seconded by Mr Hall and

RESOLVED – subject to the execution of an agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 to provide financial contributions towards libraries (£8,560), civic amenity (£6,583), health facilities (£132,450), education (£50,000), play and open space (£186,711.93), and the provision of affordable housing, the Director of Community and Planning Services be granted powers to issue Planning Permission subject to the conditions contained in the officer's report and late items..

- (b) 08/00787/FUL – Retention of one and erection of one radio masts and antennas, 2 Hawthorn Rise, Groby – Gary Smith

Members supported the officer's recommendation for refusal of this application, and wished to add a reason for refusal that approval of this application would set a precedent. On the motion of Mr Cartwright, seconded by Mrs Aldridge, it was

RESOLVED – the application be refused for the reasons stated in the report and the abovementioned additional reason.

- (c) 08/00840/FUL – Demolition of existing garage and erection of 1 dwelling and double garage, 1 Moorland Close, Market Bosworth – Mr Dave Ryan

It was noted that this application had been withdrawn.

- (d) 08/00891/FUL – Change of use of land to the keeping of horses and a residential caravan site for one gypsy family with two caravans and formation of access, Land at Stoke Lane, Higham on the Hill – Mr John Price

Mr Batty left the meeting at 7.07pm.

Although Members had some concerns about this application, they supported the officer's recommendation of approval. It was requested that a condition be added to plant a hedge to close the original access.

It was moved by Mrs Hall, seconded by Mr Hall and

RESOLVED – the application be permitted subject to the abovementioned additional conditions, the conditions contained within the officer's report and amended condition 12 in the late items.

239 AMENDMENTS TO THE PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT REGIME FOR HOUSEHOLDERS (P30)

Members were informed of the changes to the householder permitted development rights. There was concern that the changes may lead people to believe they no longer need planning permission for some development. Officers confirmed that they were preparing an article for the Borough Bulletin.

Members were unhappy that these new rules had been imposed upon planning authorities without consultation, and felt that the changes would not improve the system.

It was moved by Mr Nichols, seconded by Mr Bannister and

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

240 APPEALS LODGED AND DETERMINED (P31)

A summary was submitted of appeals lodged and determined since the last meeting. It was noted that no appeals had been lodged, and four decisions had been received – three of which were dismissals, with one appeal being allowed. It was moved by Mr Bown, seconded by Mr Bannister and

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

241 APPEALS – PROGRESS (P32)

A schedule was submitted indicating the stages that various appeals against planning decisions had reached. It was reported that performance with regard to appeals was encouraging and would hopefully improve further over the next year. It was moved by Mr Crooks, seconded by Mrs Aldridge and

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

(The meeting closed at 8.00pm)