

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

7 JULY 2020 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs MJ Crooks - Chairman

Mr DJ Findlay – Vice-Chairman

Mr CW Boothby, Mr MB Cartwright, Mr JMT Collett (for Mrs H Smith),
Mrs MA Cook (for Mrs CM Allen), Mr DS Cope, Mr WJ Crooks,
Mr REH Flemming, Mr SM Gibbens, Mr E Hollick, Mr C Ladkin (for Mr RG Allen),
Mr KWP Lynch, Mrs LJ Mullaney, Mr RB Roberts and Mr BR Walker

Also in attendance: Councillor DC Bill MBE and Councillor LJP O'Shea JP

Officers in attendance: Matthew Bowers, Jenny Brader, Rhiannon Hill, Julie Kenny, Rebecca Owen, Nicola Smith and Michael Rice

396 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Allen, R Allen, Furlong and Smith, with the following substitutions authorised in accordance with council procedure rule 10:

Councillor Collett for Councillor Smith
Councillor Cook for Councillor C Allen
Councillor Ladkin for Councillor R Allen.

397 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Cartwright, seconded by Councillor W Crooks and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2020 be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

398 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Collett declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 19/01256/FUL as he had submitted comments but stated he had come to the meeting with an open mind.

Councillors Flemming, Lynch and Walker declared non-pecuniary interests in application 19/01112/OUT as members of Burbage Parish Council but confirmed that they had come to the meeting with an open mind.

Councillor Hollick declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 19/01060/S106 as a member of Groby Parish Council but confirmed that he had come to the meeting with an open mind.

399 DECISIONS DELEGATED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

It was noted that all decisions delegated at the previous meeting had been issued with the exception of 20/00143/FUL which was subject to a S106 agreement.

400 19/01256/FUL - HANGMANS HALL FARM, TWENTY ACRE LANE, SUTTON CHENEY

Application for construction of a 62 hectare solar park to include the installation of solar photovoltaic panels to generate electricity with access from Wharf Lane and Stapleton Lane and associated substations, inverters, perimeter stock fencing, access tracks, CCTV and landscaping.

It was moved by Councillor Collett, seconded by Councillor Findlay and

RESOLVED – permission be refused for the reasons contained in the officer's report and late items.

401 19/01112/OUT - LAND AT REAR OF 131 LUTTERWORTH ROAD, BURBAGE

Application for residential development (outline – access only).

It was moved by Councillor Ladkin and seconded by Councillor Boothby that permission be granted subject to the conditions contained in the officer's report. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was LOST.

It was then moved by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Findlay that permission be refused. This motion was then withdrawn.

It was moved by Councillor Findlay and seconded by Councillor Roberts that the application be deferred for a site visit. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED – the item be deferred for a site visit.

402 19/01060/S106 - FORMER HIGHWAY LAND, LEICESTER ROAD, GROBY

Application for a deed of variation to amend the S106 agreement relating to 15/00767/OUT to provide an all affordable housing scheme comprising 10 affordable units and 20 shared ownership and removal of all other obligations.

Notwithstanding the officer's recommendation that the modification to the S106 agreement be approved, some members felt that the loss of any contribution was unacceptable. It was moved by Councillor Cartwright and seconded by Councillor Hollick that the proposed modification be refused. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED – the modification to the S106 agreement be refused.

403 18/01288/FUL - THE BULLS HEAD, 88 MAIN STREET, NAILSTONE

Application for erection of six dwellings and alterations to the existing public house.

Notwithstanding the officer's recommendation that permission be granted, some members felt that the removal of the requirement for traffic calming measures was unacceptable. It was moved by Councillor W Crooks and seconded by Councillor Cartwright that permission be refused. Following further consideration, Councillor Cartwright withdrew as seconder and the motion was not put to the vote.

Following expressions of concern about Leicestershire County Council having amended their requirement for contributions for traffic calming measures since approval of the

application in August 2019, it was requested that a stern letter be sent to the county council via Councillor Bill as Executive Member for Planning regarding their inconsistent approach to highways matters on planning applications and the item be deferred to allow for this and for further discussion with the county council. It was moved by Councillor J Crooks and seconded by Councillor Findlay that the application be deferred. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was CARRIED and it was

RESOLVED – the application be deferred.

Councillor Ladkin left the meeting at this juncture.

404 APPEALS PROGRESS

Members received an update on appeals.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

(The Meeting closed at 8.32 pm)

CHAIRMAN