

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

7 JANUARY 2015 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT:

Mr JS Moore (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Mr RG Allen, Mr CW Boothby, Mr DS Cope, Mr PAS Hall (for Mr JG Bannister), Mrs WA Hall, Mrs L Hodgkins, Mr DW Inman (for Mr R Mayne), Mr KWP Lynch, Mr K Morrell, Mr BE Sutton, Miss DM Taylor and Ms BM Witherford

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.4 Councillor Mr WJ Crooks was also in attendance.

Officers in attendance: Rebecca Owen, Michael Rice, Nic Thomas and Andrew Thompson

317 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bannister, Hulbert, Mayne, O'Shea, Smith and Ward, with the following substitutions authorised in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 4.2 and 4.3:

Councillor P Hall for Councillor Bannister
Councillor Inman for Councillor Mayne.

318 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

In the absence of the Chairman and with the Vice-Chairman in the Chair, it was moved by Councillor Moore and seconded by Councillor Mrs Hall that Councillor Witherford take the Vice-Chairman's position for this meeting only.

RESOLVED – Councillor Witherford be appointed Vice-Chairman for this meeting only.

319 MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Cope, seconded by Councillor Hodgkins and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Allen entered the meeting at 6.35pm.

320 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Cope and Lynch declared disclosable, non-pecuniary interests in application 14/00963/FUL as directors of an organisation whose premises shared a boundary with the application site.

321 DECISIONS DELEGATED AT PREVIOUS MEETING

It was reported that all decisions delegated at the previous meeting had been issued and those subject to S106 agreements were in progress.

322 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED

The Chief Planning and Development Officer presented a schedule of applications along with late items.

- (a) 14/00881/REM – Reserved matters submission to outline planning permission 12/01119/OUT for the erection of 122 dwellings and associated works, Jarvis Porter, Coventry Road, Hinckley – Mr Dean Shaw

It was moved by Councillor Witherford, seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED – the application be approved subject to the conditions contained in the officer's report and late items.

- (b) 14/00596/OUT – Demolition of existing farmhouse, stables and outbuildings for the erection of up to 64 dwellings (outline – access only), Garden Farm, Bagworth Road, Barlestone – Mr Keith Baxter

Notwithstanding the officer's recommendation that the application be approved, some members felt that the development would be an intrusion into the countryside and would be detrimental to highway safety. It was moved by Councillor Lynch and seconded by Councillor Hodgkins that the application be REFUSED for these reasons. Upon being put to the vote, the motion was LOST.

It was subsequently moved by Councillor Boothby, seconded by Councillor Inman and

RESOLVED – permission be granted subject to conditions and S106 obligations to provide affordable housing and public open space together with financial contributions towards highway improvements, public play and open space, education and the Police infrastructure.

- (c) 14/00963/FUL – Erection of a dwelling, 20 Springfield Road, Hinckley – Mr Ian Bullions

Whilst generally in support of the proposal, some members expressed concern regarding the proposal to erect railings along the boundary and also regarding the retention of the rare Ginkgo tree. It was requested that a condition be added to require the boundary treatment to be agreed with officers in order to ensure that the boundary was in keeping with the character of the area and that officers investigate the possibility of making a Tree Preservation Order on the Ginkgo tree.

It was moved by Councillor Witherford, seconded by Councillor Inman and

RESOLVED –

- (i) the application be permitted subject to the conditions contained in the officer's report and the abovementioned additional condition regarding boundary treatment;
- (ii) the possibility of making a Tree Preservation Order explored.
- (d) 14/00712/OUT – Erection of three dwellings (outline – access, appearance, layout and scale), land to the rear of 19 Ratby Road, Groby – Mr M Stephens

It was moved by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Allen and

RESOLVED – the application be refused for the reasons contained within the officer's report.

- (e) 14/01050/FUL – Erection of a grain store, Fleece House, Cow Lane, Ratby – Mr Ivor Chambers

On the motion of Councillor Boothby, seconded by Councillor Allen, it was

RESOLVED – permission be granted subject to the conditions contained in the officer's report.

- (f) 14/01104/FUL – Erection of agricultural building, land at Leicester Lane, Desford – Mr Adam Preston

Since the report and late items had been prepared, additional issues relating to the planning history and how the site was used had come to light. In view of this, officers were not comfortable that they were able to recommend the application for approval without further consideration of those matters. It was therefore moved by Councillor Inman, seconded by Councillor Allen and

RESOLVED – consideration of the application be deferred.

323 APPEAL DECISIONS RECEIVED

The Committee was presented with the appeal decision with regard to the Good Friday Caravan site, Bagworth Road, Bagworth. Members thanked officers for their hard work on the appeal and also expressed satisfaction that the Inspector had agreed that the authority had a five year supply of gypsy and traveller sites. It was moved by Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Boothby and

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

324 APPEALS PROGRESS

Members were presented with a schedule showing the progress of current appeals. It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Taylor and

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

325 DELEGATED DECISIONS ISSUED

A list of delegated decisions taken since the previous meeting was presented to members. It was moved by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

(The Meeting closed at 7.50 pm)

CHAIRMAN