

Meeting PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date Tuesday 4 June 2019 (commencing at 10.30 am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Chris Barnfather (Chair)
Jim Creamer (Vice-Chair)

Pauline Allan	John Longdon
Andy Brown	Rachel Madden
Richard Butler	Tracey Taylor
Neil Clarke MBE	Keith Walker
Sybil Fielding	Yvonne Woodhead
Paul Henshaw	

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Barker – Chief Executive’s Department
Rachel Clack – Chief Executive’s Department
Sally Gill – Place Department
Jonathan Smith – Place Department

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**Resolved 2019/014**

That the appointment of Councillor Chris Barnfather as Chairman and Councillor Jim Creamer as Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Licensing Committee for the municipal year 2019-20 be noted.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**Resolved 2019/015**

That the membership of the Committee for the 2019-20 municipal year be noted: Councillors Chris Barnfather, Jim Creamer, Pauline Allan, Andy Brown, Neil Clarke MBE, Sybil Fielding, Tony Harper, Paul Henshaw, John Longdon, Rachel Madden, Tracey Taylor, Keith Walker and Andy Wetton.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 23rd April 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2019, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Harper replaces Councillor Rostance on a permanent basis. As Councillor Harper was unable to attend the meeting, Councillor Butler replaced Councillor Harper for this meeting only. Councillor Woodhead replaced Councillor Henshaw, also for this meeting only.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

No declarations of interest were made.

6. DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING OF MEMBERS

No declarations of lobbying were made.

7. TRADING STANDARDS AND COMMUNITIES SERVICE – ANNUAL REPORT

Ms Houlton, Team Manager, Trading Standards, introduced the report which updated members on the relevant licensing work carried out by the Trading Standards & Communities Service on behalf of the Committee.

Following Ms Houlton's introductory remarks the following comments and questions were responded to:-

- Ms Houlton undertook to confirm outside of the meeting whether a licence was required for a display of birds of prey at a local show.
- As the issuing of licences for performing animals is now a district council responsibility, this item can be removed from the County Council's scale of fees.

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair, it was:-

RESOLVED 2019/016

- 1) That a further update report be brought to Committee in 12 months' time.
- 2) That the appropriate use of the media to highlight both the results of the fireworks safety inspections programme for the coming licensing period (October/November 2019) and to communicate any legal changes, be approved.

8. SERLBY QUARRY, SNAPE LANE, SERLBY – VARIATION OF CONDITION

The Chair informed Committee that this application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

Mr Smith confirmed that he and colleagues had arranged to meet the applicant on site with the intention of agreeing an alternative and acceptable restoration scheme in a reasonable timeframe without the need for enforcement action.

9. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

Mr Smith introduced the report which contained suggested amendments to the existing Code of Best Practice which sets out which planning applications must be reported to the Planning and Licensing Committee.

Following Mr Smith's introductory remarks the following comments and questions were responded to:-

- The most controversial and significant applications will continue to come to Committee
- All applications for new schools will now come to Committee
- It is anticipated that the number of applications coming to Committee will remain approximately the same
- Adhering to the Code of Best Practice will ensure the Council continues to operate in a transparent manner
- Processes are being put in to place to ensure that the Chair and Vice Chair will be made aware of all applications and be in a position to ask for any application to come before Committee for decision if deemed necessary
- The standard letter sent to members informing them of relevant applications received has been amended to confirm that local members can refer an application in their division to Committee for decision.
- The wording of Paragraph (j) to be amended to make clear that the reference is to outstanding objections

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair, it was:-

RESOLVED 2019/017

- 1) That the amendments to the criteria for referral of planning applications to Planning and Licensing Committee, as set out in paragraph 16 of the report and including the rewording of Paragraph (j), be approved and

Section 2A.2 of the Planning and Licensing Committee Code of Best Practice be updated to reflect this change.

- 2) That the changes set out in this report be referred to Policy Committee for adoption as a Council policy.

10. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Mrs Gill introduced the report and confirmed that this was the usual regular report detailing which reports were likely to come before Committee.

Mrs Gill informed members that more information on determined applications would be provided to members in future.

Mr Smith informed Committee that there were still matters outstanding regarding the application from C.W. Waste Services at Sandy Lane Industrial Estate, Worksop and that the longer these matters remained outstanding the longer it would be before the application came to Committee for decision. Mr Smith reassured members that a site visit would be arranged before the application was considered at Committee.

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair, it was:-

RESOLVED 2019/018

That no further actions are required as a direct result of the contents of the report.

The meeting closed at 10.58am

CHAIR