

## minutes

Meeting PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date Tuesday 22 May 2012 (commencing at 10.30 am)

### **membership**

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

### **COUNCILLORS**

Chris Barnfather (Chair)  
Sybil Fielding (Vice-Chair)

A	Victor Bobo	Bruce Laughton
	Jim Creamer	Rachel Madden
	John M Hemsall	Sue Saddington
	Stan Heptinstall MBE	Keith Walker
	Rev Tom Irvine	

### **OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Andy Stewart

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Nathalie Birkett – Solicitor, Legal Services  
Rob Fisher – Group Manager, Emergency Management and Registration  
Keith Ford – Senior Governance Officer  
Sally Gill – Group Manager – Planning  
Jerry Smith – Team Manager, Development Management

### **CHAIR**

The appointment by the County Council of Councillor Chris Barnfather and Councillor Sybil Fielding as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee respectively for the 2012/13 municipal year was noted.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Committee as listed above was noted.

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2012, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Councillor Laughton declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 – Approved Premises for Civil Ceremonies as an owner of one of the premises listed in the report, which did not preclude him from participating in that item.

### **DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING OF MEMBERS**

None

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **RESOLVED 2012/14**

That the report be noted.

### **APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL CEREMONIES**

Rob Fisher introduced the report which provided an annual update and overview of the Council's role in licensing premises for the solemnization of marriages and the formation of civil partnerships.

#### **RESOLVED 2012/015**

That the report be noted and further update reports be brought to the Committee on an annual basis.

### **VARIATION OF EXISTING PLANNING CONDITION 9 – ASQUITH PRIMARY SCHOOL, ASQUITH STREET, MANSFIELD**

Jerry Smith introduced the report and outlined the main elements of the application.

Mr Smith highlighted the objection received from County Councillor Steve Garner (one of the local Divisional Members), on the grounds of insufficient on-site parking and a consequent negative impact upon local residents. Mr Smith underlined that the activities would only be open to existing pupils at the school. He felt that Councillor Garner's concerns about increased on-street parking may not be realised as the scheme would operate in school holidays and therefore there would be less parking by staff and parents during those times. He also felt that the proposed planning condition 6 addressed Councillor Garner's concerns that the gates to the parking facilities on-site may not be opened outside of term time.

Councillor Irvine, spoke on behalf of Councillor Garner, who was unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Garner had requested that a site visit be made by the Committee prior to a decision being made upon the application, so that Members could see first-hand the problems caused by parents and staff parking on the streets around the school.

During discussions, Members generally welcomed the application and its proposals to further utilise the sports facilities at the school, whilst recognising the problems caused by irresponsible parking near all schools. The majority of Members felt that there was sufficient information within the committee report to enable them to make a decision, without the need for a site visit.

#### **RESOLVED 2012/016**

That planning permission be granted for the purposes of Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992, subject to the conditions set out in appendix 1 to the committee report.

#### **ON FARM COMPOSTING OF PLANT MATTER AT HALLS LANE (LAND SOUTH OF A610), NEWTHORPE**

Jerry Smith introduced the report which updated Members in respect of the implications from the subsequently published National Planning Policy Framework on the Committee's previous decision on this planning application.

#### **RESOLVED 2012/017**

That the report be noted.

#### **OUTCOME OF COMPLAINT REFERRAL TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN**

Jerry Smith introduced the report which informed Members of the outcome of a complaint referred to the Local Government Ombudsman (having initially gone through the Council's internal complaints procedures).

#### **RESOLVED 2012/018**

That the report be noted.

#### **DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT**

Sally Gill introduced the report which detailed the latest position on planning applications received between 1 April 2012 and 7 May 2012 and confirmed decisions made on applications since the last report to Members on 24 April 2012.

During discussions, Councillor Heptinstall requested further advice on the issue of pre-determination, with particular reference to those Members of the Committee who may be involved in providing a response to consultation on County Council planning applications through their relevant roles on District and Borough Councils. Nathalie

Birkett underlined the change in the rules arising from the Localism Act and the need for Members to keep an open mind ahead of making decisions at Committee. She agreed to arrange a guidance note for Members on this issue.

**RESOLVED 2012/019**

That the report and the accompanying appendices be noted.

**WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chair underlined that the targeted Committee meeting dates for the applications included in the appendix were only indicative, due to issues that could arise during the planning application process. The timetable would therefore be reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis.

**RESOLVED 2012/020**

That the committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.42 am.

**CHAIR**

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