



minutes

Meeting PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date Tuesday 16 October 2012 (commencing at 10.30 am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

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

Jim Creamer
John M Hemsall
Stan Heptinstall MBE
Rev Tom Irvine

Bruce Laughton A
Rachel Madden A
Sue Saddington
Mel Shepherd MBE
Keith Walker

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Nathalie Birkett - Solicitor
Claire Dixon – Liberal Democrat Researcher
Keith Ford – Senior Governance Officer
Sally Gill – Group Manager – Planning
Oliver Meek – Planning Officer
Jerry Smith – Team Manager, Development Management

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2012, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bruce Laughton (apologies received – other Nottinghamshire County Council business).

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING OF MEMBERS

None

ORDER OF AGENDA

The Chairman requested that the order of the agenda be amended to enable those items with public speakers involved to be dealt with first.

SINGLE STOREY CLASSROOM AND MEETING ROOM EXTENSION AT GREENWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL, SUTTON MIDDLE LANE, KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD

Jerry Smith introduced the report and gave a presentation outlining the main elements of the application, including the number and nature of objections received.

Mrs Wilson, a local resident, spoke in opposition to the application and raised concerns relating to the existing problems for local residents arising from parents and school buses parking near the school, safety issues arising from such parking (which had resulted in several 'near misses' for children in recent months) and the potential for these problems to grow should pupil numbers increase.

Mrs Wilkinson, a local resident, spoke in opposition to the application and raised further concerns relating to increased parking and congestion, the potential increase in pupil numbers and restricted access by emergency vehicles for local residents when needed. Mrs Wilkinson queried what emergency plans and travel plans the school had in place for dealing with this issue.

In response, Mr Smith acknowledged the concerns but underlined that the Council's Road safety Team had raised no objections to the application. He highlighted that the school was introducing a number of measures to combat parking in the area including a 'park and stride' scheme.

Mr Musson, Chair of Governors at Greenwood Primary School, spoke in support of the application and highlighted that the application aimed to better accommodate existing numbers of pupils within an appropriate learning environment and there were no plans to increase the Published Admission Number at the School. He outlined the reasons for the school's growing popularity. He recognised that parking and traffic congestion had been a longstanding issue for which the school had sought co-operation from parents and input from the local police over a number of years. The school had converted a small playground at the rear of the school into a staff car park to alleviate the problems and there was also a school visitor parking area at the front of the school. The possibility of having a turning circle outside the school had been explored but this had been found to be unfeasible.

During discussions, Members recognised that parking and congestion outside of schools was a common issue for neighbouring residents throughout the County and many Members had received complaints about similar problems. However, it had been confirmed that this particular application would not result in increased numbers of pupils at the School but instead would improve the facilities for those pupils already on roll. Members underlined the need for the local residents' concerns to be addressed and recommended that the Road Safety Team assist the school further in this respect, outside of this application.

RESOLVED 2012/027

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.

RESUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF SECURITY FENCING AND GATES AT CHILWELL COLLEGE HOUSE JUNIOR SCHOOL, CATOR LANE, BEESTON

Jerry Smith introduced the report and gave a presentation outlining the main elements of the application, including the number and nature of objections received.

Mr North, Head Teacher of the School, spoke in support of the application and highlighted his concerns about the safety and security of pupils since taking up the post of Head Teacher in 2010. He underlined the problems of anti-social behaviour and crime on the site outside of school hours, the impact on local residents, the involvement of the police and the nature and costs of security measures introduced. He outlined that the fencing scheme would enable improved sporting and other recreational facilities to be developed at the school (including small scale farming activities, an outdoor stage and a community garden) without the ongoing risk of further vandalism. He emphasised that the most important benefit to arise from the fencing would be improved security for the pupils whilst at school

During discussions, Members underlined the need for adequate security fencing at all schools and recognised that the resubmitted application had largely addressed the local residents' concerns about the visual impact of the original proposed scheme.

RESOLVED 2012/028

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.

PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A METAL SHREDDING AND RECYCLING SYSTEM AT EXISTING METAL RECYCLING FACILITY AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING TO HOUSE A RELATED GENERATOR AT GLEN BARRY METALS, LANGAR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE NORTH, HARBY ROAD, LANGAR

Jerry Smith introduced the report and outlined the main elements of the application, including the concerns about noise raised by Langar-cum-Barnstone Parish Council,

and the noise monitoring undertaken and the planning conditions proposed to address those concerns.

During discussions, Members raised the following issues:-

- further to the details contained within the report, the noise assessment methods were queried. Mr Smith stated that the calculations involved were quite complex and suggested that the Council's Noise Engineer could be asked to give a presentation about this to a future meeting of the Committee;
- Members expressed their disappointment that the application was retrospective and that the facilities were already being operated and felt that this message needed to be shared with other such applicants;
- Members underlined that the proposed conditions would enable the concerns about a potential increase in noise arising from the operations, if realised, to be properly addressed.

RESOLVED 2012/029

That planning permission be granted for application reference 8/12/00553/CMA and application reference 8/12/00922/CMA, subject to the conditions set out in appendix 1 to the committee report.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

Sally Gill introduced the report which detailed applications received between 8 May – 31 August 2012, confirmed decisions made on planning applications since the last report to Committee, and updated Members on recent Government announcements and the schedule of actions arising from Committee meetings.

RESOLVED 2012/030

That the report and accompanying appendices be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

Sally Gill introduced the report and highlighted that the County Council's application for Rufford Country Park to be registered as a wedding venue had received an objection from a local parish council and therefore this issue would be added to the work programme for the November 2012 meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED 2012/026

That the committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.39 am.

CHAIR
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