

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD, ON
WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2008, STARTING AT 7 P.M.

Present:

Councillor R G Kybird, Chairman
The Mayor, Councillor J A Harding

Councillors:

G P Balaam
R F W Brame
D G Mortimer
A Paines
Mrs T I Paines

P J Pearson
Mrs P P Quadling
M G Spencer
Mrs P A Spencer

42/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P J Pearson declared a prejudicial interest in item 51/08 owing to business interests and was not present for the discussion and vote.

43/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs M P Chapman-Allen, S H Chapman-Allen, T J Lamb and S N H Wright.

44/08 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21st May 2008, received by Council on 28th May, be confirmed as a true record and signed/initialled by the Chairman.

45/08 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

In discussion, it was accepted that regular attendance at planning meetings was proving difficult for some members. Those present understood that there was no requirement to attend and that failure to attend planning meetings did not in itself threaten a councillor's position. The risk of fewer than six members of the present Council attending a planning meeting was agreed to be negligible. The prevailing view was that all councillors should continue to have an opportunity to pass comment on planning matters. By restricting membership, non-members might claim to have had 'no say' in a given decision: those present wanted to avoid that.

The Town Clerk confirmed that, under the 'six-month rule' - as interpreted in the town/parish council sector - elected members had, in any six-month period, to have attended only one meeting of either full Council or any Committee.

RESOLVED that the Planning Committee continue to function as a full committee of Council, with delegated powers in planning matters (quorum to remain six members in attendance).

46/08 PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

A draft document had been included in the agenda papers.

RESOLVED that the draft text, annexed hereto, be used as a working document to guide the Committee in its future deliberations. It could be amended and/or refined, as required.

47/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider the following planning applications received from Breckland Council:

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| a) | <u>Plan No. 0430</u> | Listed Building |
| | <u>Description</u> | Application by Total Employment for installation of hanging sign, painted wall sign and plastic letters at 6 Market Place. |
| | <u>Comment</u> | The Committee would rely on the view of the Historic Buildings Officer. |
| b) | <u>Plan No. 0741</u> | Advertisement |
| | <u>Description</u> | Application by Ms Diana Conway for 7 no. non-illuminated signs, 3 no. externally illuminated signs & 1 no. internally illuminated sign at Deer's Leap, 38 Norwich Road. |
| | <u>Comment</u> | The Committee did not want the present total to be exceeded, deeming the proposed package 'excessive'. |
| c) | <u>Plan No. 0765</u> | Full Application |
| | <u>Description</u> | Application by Mr K Couzens for erection of conservatory at 76 Shelley Way. |
| | <u>Comment</u> | No objection, subject to neighbours' having none. |
| d) | <u>Plan No. 0803</u> | Full Application |
| | <u>Description</u> | Application by Mr P Smith for proposed rear conservatory at 60 Stanford Road. |

	<u>Comment</u>	No objection, subject to neighbours' having none.
e)	<u>Plan No. 0817</u>	Full Application
	<u>Description</u>	Application by Mr P McCartney for extension & alterations to bungalow at 22 Mill Lane.
	<u>Comment</u>	No objection.

48/08 AMENDED APPLICATION:

Application 3PL/2008/0714/A by Wilkinson Hardware Stores for internal fit out, new shopfronts, roller shutter door installations and the permission to display signs at Minstergate

RESOLVED that the amendment details, received from Breckland Council on 24th May 2008, be noted.

49/08 APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

(a) Application 3PL/2008/0493/O by Peddars Way Housing Association for demolition of garages and erection of 4 no. three bedroom two storey houses off Anne Bartholomew Road / Celia Phillips Close.

(b) Application 3PL/2008/0494/O by Peddars Way Housing Association for demolition of garages and erection of 6 no. two storey flats off Mother Julian Close and Celia Phillips Close.

RESOLVED that the above withdrawals be noted.

50/08 NO APPLICATION REQUIRED

Application 3PL/2008/673/LH for proposed garden room at 69 Vicarage Road

RESOLVED that the content of the letter, dated 22nd May 2008, received from Breckland Council's Assistant Development Control Officer, be noted.

51/08 APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Application by Waste Recycling Group to vary condition 5 of planning permission ref C/3/95/3001, condition 1 of planning permission ref C/3/06/3026 and condition 2 of planning permission C/3/97/3008 to allow importation of inert and plastic wastes, manual sorting of wastes and revision to site layout at Thetford Recycling Centre, 19 & 19A Burrell Way

Details had been received from Norfolk County Council under cover of a letter dated 12th May 2008.

RESOLVED that the Committee report no objections, albeit on the understanding that, in light of there having been significant major incidents elsewhere resulting from plastics stored in the open, appropriate safeguards will be in put in place to prevent acts of vandalism. The proximity of a fuel storage depot to the site is also a factor to be borne in mind.

52/08 NAMING OF NEW PRIVATE ROAD

RESOLVED that the Committee express no objection to the choice of *Hitchcock Close* for the new access road to the development off Glebe Close. Breckland Council's GIS Officer's letter of 16th May 2008 referred.

53/08 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

RESOLVED that details received from Breckland Council in respect of the following be noted:

- (a) Ash Close
(letter dated 27th May 2008 referred);
- (b) Cottage Hospital, Earls Street
(letter dated 29th May 2008 referred).