

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD,
ON WEDNESDAY, 8TH APRIL 2009
STARTING AT 7 P.M.

Present:

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

Councillors:

G P Balaam	D G Mortimer
R Brame	A Paines
S H Chapman-Allen	Mrs P P Quadling
T J Jermy	M G Spencer
T J Lamb	Mrs P A Spencer

In attendance (for item 437/08): Mr S Wilson, Thetford Society

431/08 DECLARATIONS IF INTEREST

None (but see details of abstentions, recorded under item 437/08)

432/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

433/08 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18th March 2009 be confirmed as a true record and signed/initialled by the Chairman.

434/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDER

Part A: Those included in original agenda

Note: The following two applications were shown in original agenda as items 435/08 and 436/08 respectively.

- (a) Application 3PL/2009/0257/LB: Application by London Town Pubs for The Kings Head Public House 27 White Hart Street to reduce level of garden wall & replaced with timber picket fence

RESOLVED that the wall be built back like-for-like in a safe manner.

- (b) Application 3PL/2009/0248/LB: Application by Mr John Maxwell for a Replacement conservatory at 81 Castle Street

RESOLVED that no objection be expressed, subject to neighbours' comments.

Part B: Those received since agenda sent out

- (c) Application 3PL/2009/0246/F: Application by Mr W Baker for replacement of Extension at 67 Redgate

RESOLVED that no objection be expressed, subject to materials matching

- (d) Application 3PL/009/0263/CU: Application by Thetford Independent FC for material change of use of land to formal recreation area at Kilverstone Park

RESOLVED that no objection be expressed, with the creation of additional facilities in the broader Thetford area welcomed.

- (e) Application 3PL/2009/0307/F: Application by Rev R A Hills for proposed porch and side extension at 11 Eppingham Close

RESOLVED that no objection be expressed, subject to neighbours' having none and window in shower room having obscured glazing.

Note: Minute references 435/08 and 436/08 not used.

437/08 ABBNEY BARNS PROPOSAL

RESOLVED that, acting under the delegated authority conferred by the full Council, the Committee express its full support of the alternative scheme presented to it by Mr Stuart Wilson, representing the Thetford Society. This scheme demonstrated, in its view, a sustainable future use for this nationally important historic site. In order to succeed in this ambition, the Committee acknowledged that further time would be required to establish the necessary capital funding base.

The Committee was also asking for the Town Clerk to be permitted to speak on its behalf at the 20th April meeting of Breckland Council's Development Control Committee in support of Mr Wilson, who would also be in attendance to speak on behalf of the Thetford Society.

Note: All present voted for the resolution except for Councillors T J Lamb, Mrs P A Spencer and M G Spencer, who abstained in light of their membership of the Development Control Committee.

438/08 EXTERNALISATION OF BRECKLAND COUNCIL'S PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL SERVICES

RESOLVED that information received be noted

439/08 BRECKLAND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (CORE POLICIES): WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk make enquires as to whether any representations from the Town Council could be presented in person at the Pre-Examination meeting, scheduled for 19th May 2009.

Chairman