

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD,
ON WEDNESDAY, 22ND APRIL 2009,
STARTING AT 7 P.M.

Present:

Councillor R G Kybird, Chairman

Councillors:

G P Balaam	A Paines
R F Brame	Mrs P P Quadling
T J Jermy	Mrs P A Spencer
T J Lamb	S N H Wright
D G Mortimer	

446/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D G Mortimer pointed out that he intended asking for agenda item 338/08b to be referred to the Development Control Committee. The Town Clerk was of the view that there was no need to declare an interest, if what he intended doing was simply in his representative capacity as Ward Member. That said, the Town Clerk agreed to make Councillor Mortimer's position clear in these minutes.

Councillor Mrs P A Spencer declared a personal interest in agenda item 452/08 as Deputy Chairman of Breckland Council's Licensing Committee.

447/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from The Mayor, Councillor J A Harding (work-related absence), and Councillors Mrs M P Chapman-Allen, S H Chapman-Allen (work-related absence), M G Spencer (work-related absence).

448/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

RESOLVED that the following observations on three applications be forwarded to Breckland Council as planning authority:

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| a) | <u>Plan No. 0286</u> | Full Application |
| | <u>Description</u> | Application by Mr K Goldsmith for erection of shed on plot 17, London Road Allotments (retrospective) |
| | <u>Observation</u> | The Committee objected strongly to a shed of this size on this part of the site, the Town Council never having granted consent. It takes |

up valuable allotment land, for which there is growing demand in the town. That said, the Committee recognised that there is perhaps a need for discussion with the applicant regarding a possible arrangement elsewhere on the site, albeit not on the same scale.

- b) Plan No. 0297 Change of Use
- Description Application by Mr J Chapman for change of use of land to garden area at Woodlands, 87 Mallow Road
- Observation The Committee objected strongly to the loss of open amenity land, which this application, if approved, would result in. It supported Ward Member, Councillor D G Mortimer, who would be raising this objection before the Development Control Committee in due course.
- c) Plan No. 0316 Advertisement
- Description Application by Royal Mail Group Property for projecting sign to be replaced with new 800mm x 600mm projecting sign and new service panel at the Post Office, 1 Market Place
- Observation The Committee indicated its willingness to accept the views of the Historic Buildings Officer. Whilst having no objection in principle, there were concerns about the materials proposed.

449/08 AMENDED APPLICATION: 3PL/2008/0251/Full, Application by Thetford Cricket Club relating to siting of Portacabins at the Recreation Ground

RESOLVED that no objection be made to the alternative siting.

450/08 LISTED BUILDING CONSENT RECEIVED: Application by Thetford Town Council for internal alterations and external signage at Thetford Guildhall (on behalf of the Dad's Army Museum)

RESOLVED that the conditions attached to the Consent granted to Application 3PL/2008/1680/LB be noted.

451/08 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – SUBMISSION OF CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE (Regulation 30)

RESOLVED that the contents of the letter received from Breckland Council's Principal Planning Policy Officer, dated 3rd April 2009, be noted.

452/08

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A
PREMISES LICENCE AT Labas, 18 Guildhall Street

RESOLVED that, in response to the notification letter, dated 2nd April 2009, it be indicated that the Town Council would object to opening hours extending later than 11 p.m. Monday to Saturday (inclusive) and 10.30 p.m. on Sundays.

The Town Clerk would also raise with the Licensing Team concerns over current unauthorised alcoholic consumption on these premises. He would also request that, in future, more details be sent through to the Town Council as a matter of routine as part of a more thorough consultation process.

453/08

ENFORCEMENT MATTER: Ashley House, Stephenson Way

RESOLVED that the contents of the letter, dated 2nd April 2009, sent by the Planning Enforcement Officer to the applicant, be noted.

Chairman