

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD,  
ON WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009,  
STARTING AT 7 P.M.

Present:

Councillor R G Kybird, Chairman  
The Mayor, Councillor Mrs P A Spencer

Councillors:

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

In attendance (for item 20/09): Mr Stuart Wilson

12/09 ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR MAYORAL YEAR 2009/10

RESOLVED that:

Councillor R G Kybird be re-elected Committee Chairman to serve during Mayoral Year 2009/10 and Councillor T J Lamb be elected Committee Vice-Chairman.

13/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declared personal interests in agenda item 16/09a owing to their friendship with the applicant:  
Councillors R F W Brame, J A Harding, R G Kybird, T J Lamb, D G Mortimer, Mrs P P Quadling, M G Spencer and S N H Wright.

Councillor S N H Wright declared a precautionary prejudicial interest in item 20/09 as Chairman of the Thetford Society. In the event, the nature of the discussion did not warrant his leaving the meeting.

14/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs M P Chapman-Allen, S H Chapman-Allen (work-related absence), and A Paines (attending Twinning Association meeting).

15/09 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> April and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009, duly received by the Council on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009 under minute 471/08, be confirmed as true records and signed/initialled by the Chairman.

16/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

RESOLVED that the following observations be forwarded to the planning authority (Breckland Council):

- a) Plan No. 0208            Listed Building
- Description            Application by Mr B Skull for rebuild and replace impact damage to flint wall at 39 St Nicholas Street
- Observation            No objection, subject to the Historic Buildings Officer's having none.
- b) Plan No. 0377            Change of Use
- Description            Application by Kwik Fit Properties Ltd for change of use to MOT centre and repairs at Unit 2, London Road / Stephenson Way  
(Note: Amendment received, as referred to under item 17/09 below)
- Observation            No objection
- c) Plan No. 0393            Full Application
- Description            Application by Mr & Mrs Cogan for one and two storey side extensions to dwelling at 15 Canons Close
- Observation            No objection, on the understanding that materials will match existing structure.

17/09 AMENDED APPLICATION

RESOLVED that the amended site plan, relating to agenda item 16/09b above, be noted.

18/09 GLEBE HOUSE REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME: NAMING

RESOLVED that:

- (a) a letter received be noted and the wishes of the sender respected;
- (b) the name *Attfield Court* be proposed, subject to family approval being given.

19/09

EXAMINATION OF THE BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL CORE STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

The Town Clerk reported on the Pre-Hearing Meeting, which had taken place in Dereham the previous day.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk present a considered report to the next meeting of the Committee, scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009. At that meeting, the need to submit any additional or 'amplified' comment would be assessed. In the meantime, the Town Clerk would confirm the Town Council's wish to be represented by Councillor Kybird at the July 2009 Hearing devoted to Policy CP10

20/09

ABBEY BARNS

A wide-ranging discussion took place, prompted by the decisions taken recently by the planning authority to permit residential development.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Town Council provide a letter in support of the Thetford Society's attempt to have the decisions 'called in' and
- (b) express support of the Thetford Society's wish to make a presentation of its alternative scheme proposals to the Moving Thetford Forward Board at the end of June 2009.

If it transpired that the planning authority's Development Control Committee had in any sense been misled by its officers, then the Town Council would consider whether there were grounds for then taking the matter further.