

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD,
ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH MARCH 2010,
STARTING AT 7 P.M.

Present:

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

Councillors:

G P Balaam
R F W Brame
M P Brindle
Mrs M P Chapman-Allen
T J Jermy

T J Lamb
D G Mortimer
Mrs P P Quadling
B J Skull

499/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

500/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors S H Chapman-Allen (work-related absence), J A Harding, A Paines, M G Spencer and S N H Wright.

501/09 PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE CROWN ESTATE

It was noted that this would now take place at the Committee next meeting, scheduled for 14th April 2010.

502/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

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

- (a) Plan No. 0165 Full

Application by Mr J Wragg on behalf of Abbey Developments Ltd for the erection of 4 detached dwellings with garages, new access arrangements & associated landscaping on land off Nightingale Way.

Observation

The Committee saw no reason whatsoever to depart from its comments on the previous application for this site (namely, 3PL/2009/0530/Full), as recorded under its minute 168/09(a), whilst

noting that the Ecological Assessment accompanying this new application constituted a challenge to current policy.

Whilst the Committee would not object to the planning authority's delegating to its officers a decision to refuse, it would prefer any such decision to have the clear, unambiguous backing of the Development Control Committee.

Owing to comment deadlines imposed by the planning authority, it was agreed to add consideration of the following application to the published agenda:

- (b) Plan No. 0247 Full

Application by Mr & Mrs P McWilliams for front, rear & side extension to dwelling, all single storey, at 88 McKenzie Road

Observation

No objection, subject to neighbours' having none.

503/09 DECISIONS AT VARIANCE

- (a) Application 3PL/2009/0803/Full for construction of single storey dwelling at 21 Highlands

RESOLVED that the permission details be noted, especially condition 11.

- (b) Application 3PL/2010/0001/Change of Use for change of use to D1 and A1 (Dog training centre with small shop) at 6-13 Faraday Place

RESOLVED that the refusal details be noted.

504/09 BRANDON ROAD: KIER HOMES DEVELOPMENT - OPEN SPACE SCHEME

RESOLVED that the Planning Obligations Officer be informed that the Town Manager had been asked by the Committee to pass comment on the proposals on its behalf.

Noting the seeming precedent set on the Coney Close development, where the play area was maintained under a management agreement with the residents, the Committee wondered whether this too would not pass into 'public ownership' in due course.

505/09 CONNECTING NORFOLK – LOCAL TRANSPORT 3:
CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

RESOLVED that the information included with the agenda papers be noted.

506/09 ABBEY BARNES APPEAL: INSPECTOR'S CONCLUSIONS

RESOLVED that the planning authority be informed that whilst, on the one hand, the Town Council was disappointed that its preferred scheme had failed to impress, its Planning Committee had noted the 'conditioning' introduced by the Inspector in his report; in particular, the need to prioritise completion of necessary work on the Grade I elements. The Committee wanted the planning authority to be especially vigilant when it came to monitoring implementation of this and all other conditions. *

Chairman

* *As agreed at the Council Meeting on 31st March 2010, following should have been included in the above Resolution:*

“RESOLVED that Thetford Town Council would support any moves by The Thetford Society to challenge the Inspector's decisions.”