

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD,  
ON WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010,  
STARTING AT 7 P.M.

Present:

Councillor R G Kybird, Chairman  
(as re-elected under item 25/10 below)

Councillors:

G P Balaam  
R F W Brame  
M P Brindle  
J A Harding  
T J Jermy

D G Mortimer  
B J Skull  
M G Spencer  
Mrs P A Spencer  
S N H Wright

25/10 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR  
MAYORAL YEAR 2010/11

Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor R G Kybird be elected Chairman of the  
Planning Committee for Mayoral Year 2010/11.

Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED that Councillor M G Spencer be elected Vice-Chairman of  
the Planning Committee for Mayoral Year 2010/11.

26/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor S N H Wright declared a prejudicial interest in respect of item  
28/10(h), given his involvement with the Dad's Army Museum and preparation  
of documents submitted with the planning application. He was not present for  
the vote on this item, but did clarify a point of detail, raised by the other  
members of the Committee.

27/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of the Mayor, Councillor Mrs P P  
Quadling, and Councillors Mrs M P Chapman-Allen, S H Chapman-Allen, T J  
Lamb and A Paines.

28/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

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

- (a) Plan No. 0129 Full

Application by Mr R Collins for conversion of redundant church building to domestic dwelling house at St Mary The Less, Old Bury Road

Observation

Noting the measures proposed for the protection of graves, the Committee expressed concern at there being no specific reference made to the tombs in the churchyard. The Committee believed there to have been safeguards laid down by the Norwich Diocese at the time of de-consecration and asked the planning authority to be vigilant on this point.

Regarding what was, in all essentials, a re-submission of previously approved plans, the Committee had no objection. However, it wanted there to be a condition set, whereunder essential repairs to the fabric of the church building must be carried out prior to work on the residential scheme commencing. The condition of the building had deteriorated markedly since the previous granting of permission.

Whilst the Committee was well aware of the 'urgent works' notice obtained by the Historic Building Officer, it wished to see full re-instatement of key elements.

- (b) Plan No. 0130 Listed Building

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- (c) Plan No. 0419 Change of Use
- Application by TNT UK Ltd for change of use from B8 (Storage & Distribution) to B2 (General Industrial) at Unit 17, Saint Helen's Way
- Observation
- No objection
- (d) Plan No. 0423 Full
- Application by the Fulmerston Christian Fellowship for renewal of standing of terrapin pre-fabricated building as Sunday School / crèche facilities at Fulmerston Christian Fellowship, Fulmerston Road
- Observation
- No objection to a 3-year renewal
- (e) Plan No. 0447 Full
- Application by Mr & Mrs Cox for proposed rear conservatory at 1 Admirals Way
- Observation
- No objection, subject to neighbours' having none.
- (f) Plan No. 0461 Full
- Application by Location 3 Properties Ltd for variation of condition 2 on planning permission 3PL/2008/1497/Full (Revised design) at former Sultans Site off London Road/Burrell Way
- Observation
- No objection
- (g) Plan No. 0473 Full
- Application by LGL Developments Ltd for variation of condition 2 on planning permission 3PL/2005/1593/Full (commercial building to be smaller) at site on Brunel Way
- Observation
- No objection
- (h) Plan No. 0475 Full

Application by Friends of Thetford Dad's Army Museum for erection of seated statue of Capt Mainwaring & pathway on existing amenity land on Land to North of Anchor Hotel, Bridge Street

Observation

No objection, subject to the terms of the War Office's *Panic Mitigation Measures in Conservation Areas* - now regrettably out of print - being abided by.

Note: Owing to comment deadlines, it was agreed to add the following three applications to the published agenda.

- (i) Plan No. 0481 Full

Application by Mr & Mrs C R Upstone to erect single storey extensions to front and rear, erect pitched roof over garage & room to side and remove chimney at 22 Monksgate

Observation

No objection, subject to neighbours' having none.

- (j) Plan No. 0483 Full

Application by S Martin for conservatory to the rear of property at 56 Redgate

Observation

No objection, subject to neighbours' having none.

- (k) Plan No. 0484 Full

Application by Mr Ian Gray for conservatory to south elevation (front) of property at 3 Haling Way

Observation

No objection, subject to neighbours' having none.

29/10 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL POLICIES

RESOLVED that receipt of a hard copy of the document 'Adopted' in December 2009 be noted. The Town Clerk was asked to organise - for sometime in June 2010, if possible - a briefing session for town councillors with a qualified planning officer (if necessary, covering the cost of that officer time), to

which members of the Thetford Society's Environment Committee would be invited. This would enable members to have a clearer understanding and appreciation of the established planning framework.

30/10            THETFORD BUS INTERCHANGE: PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED that Norfolk County Council's lead officer on the Bus Interchange Project be invited to draft a commentary on matters raised at the Neighbourhood Forum earlier that week. Whilst the Town Council had resigned itself to the site chosen being the only viable option, it wanted there to be wider community understanding of the rationale behind that view. The aim would be to include the commentary in a future Town Council newsletter.

31/10            INTRODUCTION OF PART-NIGHT LIGHTING

There were no particular matters raised. As a County Councillor, Councillor M P Brindle would be seeking clarification on a response sent by Norfolk County Council to the Hillary Road petition organiser.

Chairman