

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD, ON WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 2008, STARTING AT 7.00 P.M.

Present:

Councillor D G Mortimer, Acting Chairman

Councillors:

G P Balaam
R F Brame (from 393/07)
J A Harding

T J Lamb
A Paines
Mrs T I Paines

391/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors G P Balaam and Mrs T I Paines declared personal interests in item 393/07(c) as members of the Barnham Action Group.

392/07 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were presented on behalf of the Mayor, Councillor R G Kybird, and Councillors Mrs M P Chapman-Allen, S H Chapman-Allen, P J Pearson, G M O Pickering, Mrs P P Quadling, M G Spencer, Mrs P A Spencer and S N H Wright.

393/07 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications, received from Breckland Council, were considered:

- a) Plan No. 0026 Full Application
- Description Application by Henstead Hall Estate Ltd for proposed residential conversion consisting of 6 no apartments & 4 no townhouses at The Former Burrell House, Minstergate.
- Observation The Committee would like to see the windows to the front elevation retained, believing these to be potentially openable through the freeing up of a swivel mechanism.
- If this does not prove feasible, then the Committee would like to see the windows on the front and side elevations removed with care and placed in safe-keeping.
- The Committee would like to see 10 parking spaces provided on the basis of one per dwelling.
- b) Plan No.0027 Listed Building
- Description Application by Henstead Hall Estate Ltd for proposed residential conversion consisting of 6 no apartments & 4 no townhouses at The Former Burrell House, Minstergate

	<u>Observation</u>	The Committee would like to see the windows to the front elevation retained, believing these to be potentially openable through the freeing up of a swivel mechanism.
		If this does not prove feasible, then the Committee would like to see the windows on the front and side elevations removed with care and placed in safe-keeping.
		The Committee would like to see 10 parking spaces provided on the basis of one per dwelling.
c)	<u>Plan No. 0343</u>	Full Application
	<u>Description</u>	Application by Tim Lovejoy for construction of kick-about wall (renewal) at Ulfkell Road Play Area.
	<u>Observation</u>	<p><u>Background Comments</u> <i>Under the terms of a 5-year Control Agreement between Thetford Town Council (hereinafter TTC) and Thetford Community Association (hereinafter TCA), expiring 31st March 2011, TCA was permitted to install a 'kickabout wall' on land owned by TTC against an annual payment by TCA of £1.</i></p> <p><u>Planning Committee's Comments</u> The Committee noted the favourable police comments in support of this application. Notwithstanding the Town Council's 'interest' in this venture, it hoped that it would be in order to propose a renewal period tied to the Agreement period.</p>
d)	<u>Plan No. 0356</u>	Full Application
	<u>Description</u>	Application by Mr D Cuff for proposed two bedroom bungalow with parking area on land adjacent to 5 Orchard Way.
	<u>Observation</u>	No objection subject to neighbours' having none and satisfactory site access arrangements.
e)	<u>Plan No. 0366</u>	Advertisement
	<u>Description</u>	Application by Miss Helen Read for new branding sign scheme at The Warrener Lynn Wood Road, Maine Street.
	<u>Observation</u>	The Committee had no objection to replacement signage but did not wish to see any additional signs.
f)	<u>Plan No. 0445</u>	Change of Use
	<u>Description</u>	Application by Sharon Street for change of use to hairdressers at 4 Whitehart Street.

Observation

No objection

RESOLVED that no objections be raised to plans listed (a) to (f) above, except where indicated.

394/06 NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - Charles Burrell High School, Staniforth Road, provision of 1 no 6-bay mobile unit to facilitate a building project at the school for a temporary period of six months

RESOLVED that the details received under cover of Norfolk County Council's letter, dated 27th March 2008, be noted.

395/07 RSS SINGLE ISSUE REVIEW : PLANNING FOR GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION IN THE EAST OF ENGLAND

Under cover of a letter from the East of England Regional Assembly, dated 19th February 2008, details had been received of a 12-week consultation period, ending on 16th May 2008.

The Committee was only too mindful of what it considered to be the unsatisfactory handling by the district planning authority of the process resulting in permission being granted for a short-stay site off the A11 Bypass. In light of widespread community concern over that failure to consult adequately, the Committee was of the view that responsibility for future decisions relating to gypsy and traveller site provision should be vested in a higher authority, preferably at national level. Policy was set at a national level: so should the decision-taking.

RESOLVED that this view be reported within the consultation period.

396/07 DECISION AT VARIANCE : 22 MELFORD BRIDGE ROAD (Application 3PL/2007/1971/O)

RESOLVED that the details received under cover of Breckland Council's letter dated 5th March 2008 be noted.

397/07 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

RESOLVED that receipt of details in respect of the following be noted (dates referred to are issue dates of letters received from Breckland Council):

- a. Salisbury Way (Revocation): 13th March 2008
- b. 15 Redcastle Road (Variation): 19th February 2008
- c. Croxton Road (Confirmation): 11th March 2008
- d. Nunsgate/St. Michael's Close (Confirmation): 11th March 2008
- e. Spring House (Confirmation): 11th March 2008.

Mayor and Chairman