

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, KING'S HOUSE, THETFORD, ON  
WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2008, STARTING AT 7 P.M.

Present:

Councillor R G Kybird, Chairman  
The Mayor, Councillor J A Harding

Councillors:

G P Balaam	P J Pearson
R F W Brame	M G Spencer
Mrs M P Chapman-Allen	Mrs P A Spencer
A Paines	S N H Wright
Mrs T I Paines	

11/08 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR MAYORAL  
YEAR 2008/9

Proposed by Councillor R F W Brame and seconded by Councillor G P Balaam, it was:

RESOLVED that Councillor R G Kybird be re-appointed Chairman of the Planning Committee and Councillor M G Spencer re-appointed Vice-Chairman.

12/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee Chairman, Councillor R G Kybird, declared a prejudicial interest in item 15/08(b) given his occasional business dealings with the agents acting for the applicant. He absented himself for the discussion and vote (Committee Vice-Chairman, Councillor M G Spencer, chaired this item).

Councillors A Paines and Mrs T I Paines declared personal interests in items 15/08 (d), (e) and (i) in light of the proximity of the site to their place of residence.

Councillor P J Pearson declared a precautionary prejudicial interest for business reasons in item 16/08. In the event, there was no discussion and no requirement on him to leave the meeting.

13/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were presented on behalf of Councillors S H Chapman-Allen, T J Lamb, D G Mortimer and Mrs P P Quadling

14/08 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> April and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 be confirmed as true records and signed/initialled by the Chairman.

Note: March minutes received by Council on 26<sup>th</sup> March: Council minutes 372/07(a) and (b) refer. April minutes received by Council on 30<sup>th</sup> April: Council minute 408/07 refers.

## 15/08 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- a) Plan No. 0650                      Advertisement
- Description                              Application by CWS Retail Financial Services for externally illuminated fascia sign and double sided projecting sign at Co-op Travel Store, 40 King Street.
- Comment                                      The Committee was of the firm view that a projecting orange sign, using non-traditional materials, would fail to enhance the Conservation Area.
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- b) Plan No. 0656                      Full Application
- Description                              Application by Tolomeo Ltd for cosmetic changes to elevations facing onto public walkways, and improvements to existing canopies at Riverside Walk Shopping Centre, Riverside Walk.
- Comment                                      The Committee was extremely disappointed with the limited scope of work proposed and was unable to see any significant improvement resulting.
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- c) Plan No. 0673                      Full Application
- Description                              Application by Mr Adam Beeton for demolition of outhouse/wc and conservatory & erection of ground floor garden room extension at 69 Vicarage Road.
- Comment                                      No objection, subject to neighbours' having none.
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- d) Plan No. 0713                      Full Application
- Description                              Application by Wilkinson for proposed refit of existing Somerfield retail market to form new Wilkinsons retail store at existing Somerfield supermarket unit, Minstergate.
- Comment                                      No objection.

- e) Plan No. 0714 Advertisement
- Description Application by Wilkinson for proposed refit of existing Somerfield retail market to form new Wilkinsons retail store at existing Somerfield supermarket unit, Minstergate.
- Comment No objection.
- f) Plan No. 0716 Full Application
- Description Application by Mr R Brooks for end and rear extension of dwelling at 391 St Johns Way.
- Comment No objection, subject to neighbours' having none.
- g) Plan No. 0754 Change of Use
- Description Application by FMC Technologies for change of use to B2 (general industry) at 6 Baird Way.
- Comment No objection, subject to normal environmental health noise constraints being heeded and hours of operation regulated.
- h) Plan No. 0756 Full Application (RESUBMISSION)
- Description Application by Abel Homes Limited for erection of new dwelling with associated access at 3 Norwich Road.
- Comment No objection, although the Committee wanted the applicant to be aware that the Town Council had never been asked to express a formal view on the open space 'issue'. That said, the Committee was very supportive of the scheme now proposed.
- i) Plan No. 0767 Advertisement
- Description Application by Wilkinson for replacement of existing 'Somerfield' logo with 'Wilkinsons' logo at 1 Minstergate House, White Hart Street.
- Comment No objection.
- j) Plan No. 0775 Full Application
- Description Application by Mr D Wicks for proposed utility room extension at 3 The Covert.

Comment

The Committee would prefer a monopitch surround or front-to-back gable.

RESOLVED that comments (a) to (j) above be submitted to the planning authority without undue delay.

16/08 APPLICATION TO NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL: LAND ADJOINING THETFORD POWER STATION, TWO MILE BOTTOM, MUNDFORD ROAD: ERECTION OF BUILDING FOR COLLECTION AND CURING OF ASH FROM BIO-FUELLED POWER STATION

RESOLVED that details of the revised elevations, received under cover of Norfolk County Council's letter dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008, be noted.

17/08 APPLICATION BY DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES, NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL: CHARLES BURRELL HIGH SCHOOL: 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 withdrawal of the above application be noted; Norfolk County Council's letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008 referred.

18/08 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (APPEALS) (WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) Regulations 2000

RESOLVED that details of the Appeal lodged in respect of planning application 3PL/2008/0243/F, relating to proposed extensions at 3 Plover Close, be noted; Breckland Council's letter of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008 referred.

19/08 NORFOLK PLANNING CONFERENCE 2008

RESOLVED that Councillors Mrs Chapman-Allen and Kybird represent the Town Council at the event in Swaffham on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

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