

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Wednesday 16th January 2019 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor T. Munro in the Chair

Councillors T. Alexander, J.A. Clifton, T. Connerton (during Minute No. 0600), C.P. Cooper, M.G. Crane, S.W. Fritchley, D. McGregor, B.R. Murray-Carr, S. Peake, K. Reid, P. Smith, R. Turner (until Minute No. 0601), D.S. Watson and J. Wilson

Officers:-

C. Fridlington (Planning Manager (Development Control), J. Fieldsend (Team Leader (Non Contentious) Solicitor) and A. Brownsword (Senior Governance Officer)

0595. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P.M. Bowmer, P.A. Cooper, and B. Watson.

0596. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

0597. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

0598. MINUTES – 19TH DECEMBER 2018

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor P. Smith

RESOLVED that subject to Councillor Turner's name being removed from those present, the minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on 19th December 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

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0599. SITE VISIT NOTES – 14TH DECEMBER 2018

Moved by Councillor R. Turner and seconded by Councillor P. Smith

RESOLVED that the notes of a Planning Site Visit held on 14th December 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

0600. APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS

1. 18/000623/FUL - Construction of new dwelling, construction of new barn, conversion of existing barn to microbrewery/ kitchen with associated office at Land to the West of Bridge Close, Hollin Hill Road, Clowne

Further details were included within the Supplementary Report.

The Planning Manager (Development Control) presented the report which gave details of the application and highlighted the history of the site and key issues set out in the report.

Mr. D. Salt and Mrs. E Salt attended the meeting and spoke in support of the application.

The Committee considered the application having regard to the Bolsover District Local Plan, the Publication Version of the Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor S.W. Fritchley

RESOLVED that application no. 18/00623/FUL be REFUSED for the following reasons:

In the absence of exceptional circumstances that would justify the erection of a new house outside of the settlement framework, the proposed house is not considered to be development that is necessary in this countryside location. Therefore, the application is contrary to saved Local Plan Policy ENV3.

Statement of Decision Process

Officers have sought to work positively and pro-actively with the applicants and their agent prior to the submission of this application seeking to address the policy issues set out in full in the officer report. However, amended plans would not address the fundamental reasons for refusal of this application.

(Planning Manager (Development Control))

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0601. UPDATE: SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS

The Planning Manager (Development Control) presented the report which provided Members with information regarding the status of current Section 106 Monies to ensure that the District Council had a robust procedure for recording and monitoring Section 106 obligations.

A recent Internal Audit report had found that the reliability of controls was assessed as Substantial which was the highest rating it could receive. Members asked whether there was a mechanism to remind the relevant bodies that monies were available when deadlines were getting close. The Planning Manager (Development Control) noted that the Monitoring Group met quarterly and those close to the deadline were referred to the Strategic Director – People for action.

The information was contained within a simplified spreadsheet which was approved by Members.

Moved by Councillor D. Mcgregor and seconded by Councillor P. Smith
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(Planning Manager (Development Control))

0602. REPORT: APPEAL DECISIONS APRIL 2015 – DECEMBER 2018

The Planning Manager (Development Control) presented a report which gave Members information regarding the Planning Service's performance on appeal against the Government's quality of decision making targets.

This was the first such report and it contained a summary of appeal decisions for information and would be brought every six months in the future. Members asked whether any cost decisions had been awarded against the Council and it was noted that only one had been awarded partial costs which had not been pursued.

Moved by Councillor T. Munro and seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that (1) the report be received,

(2) appeal decisions and performance against the performance targets be reported to Planning Committee every 6 months.

The Chair noted that this would be the last Planning Committee attended by the Senior Governance Officer as she had taken employment elsewhere. He thanked her for professional way in which she had conducted and managed Planning Committee meetings over the years.

The meeting concluded at 1040 hours.