
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 10th October, 2018

Present: Councillor Eamonn Higgins (in the Chair), Councillors Loraine Cox (Vice Chair), Judith Addison, Jean Battle, Stephen Button, Stewart Eaves, Melissa Fisher, Marlene Haworth, Abdul Khan, Dave Parkins, Kath Pratt, Paddy Short and Paul Cox

Apologies: Councillor June Harrison

156 Apologies for Absence, Substitutions, Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillor June Harrison.

Councillor Paul Cox acted as substitute representatives for Councillor Harrison.

Councillor Judith Addison declared an interest in relation to the planning application 11/18/0238 Devine Fisheries, as she was a member of the Ramblers Association.

There were no reported dispensations.

157 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last Planning Committee held on the 12th September 2018, were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Resolved - **That the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.**

158 Town and Country Planning Act 1990- Planning Applications for Determination

The Chief Planning and Transportation Officer submitted a report setting out recommended action on the following planning applications.

Resolved

- (a) **That the following planning application be approved contrary to Officer recommendation as per the report and the update sheet circulated before the committee on the grounds that the committee came to the conclusion that for reasons that the benefit of the development outweigh the concerns about pedestrian safety by the highways authority (Lancashire County Council), and:-**
- (b) **That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Planning and Transportation Officer to add any conditions appropriate to the development:-**

11/18/0236 Erection of 2-Storey building for commercial use (Class A1)
Former Grand Club, Blackburn Road, Great Harwood

N.B. 1. The Chief Planning and Transportation Officer drew the Committee's attention to the extra information contained within the update report which was released before the meeting and related to the above planning application.

2. Mr Peter Hitchin, the applicant's agent spoke at the Committee in support of the above planning application and against the Officer's recommendation to refuse planning permission.

3. Councillor Miles Parkinson spoke at the Committee in support of the above planning application and against the Officer's recommendation to refuse planning permission.

3. Councillor Gareth Molineux spoke at the Committee in support of the above planning application and against the Officer's recommendation to refuse planning permission.

159 Town and Country Planning Act 1990- Planning Applications for Determination

Following a motion, a number of Members of the Committee were minded to approve the following planning application. The Committee requested legal advice on planning reasons for approval.

Exclusion of the Public

Resolved - (2) That in accordance with section 100 a(4) and paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A Part 1 Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting whilst legal advice was received on this application:-

Following legal advice on planning matters the meeting of the Committee resumed.

Resolved - (3) That the following planning application be refused in accordance with the Officers recommendation subject to the conditions as per the report:-

11/18/0238 Major: Outline for erection of 122 No dwellings, 29 affordable units (All matters reserves apart from access) Resubmission of 11/18/0034
Devine Fisheries, Broad Oak Road, Accrington

N.B. 1. Mr Peter Holden spoke at the Committee in objection of the above planning application and in favour of the Officer's recommendation to refuse planning permission.

2. Mr Chris Betteridge, the applicant's agent spoke at the Committee in support of the above planning application and against the Officer's recommendation to refuse planning permission.

3. Councillor Miles Parkinson spoke at the Committee in support of the above planning application and against the Officer's recommendation to refuse planning permission.

4. The Chair, Councillor Eamonn Higgins read a statement on behalf of Barnfield Ward Councillor June Harrison in objection of the above planning application and in favour of the Officer's recommendation to refuse planning permission.

Signed:.....

Date:

Chair of the meeting
At which the minutes were confirmed