

WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2015 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Christopher Newbury (Chairman), Cllr John Knight (Vice-Chair), Cllr Trevor Carbin, Cllr Ernie Clark, Cllr Andrew Davis, Cllr Dennis Drewett, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Jonathon Seed, Cllr Roy While and Cllr Gordon King (Substitute)

Also Present:

Cllr Stephen Oldrieve

1 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Magnus MacDonald, who was replaced, for this meeting only, by Councillor Gordon King.

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2014 were presented. It was noted that the questions, including the supplement, were included in the minutes.

Resolved:

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2014.

3 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

The Chairman gave details of the exits to be used in the event of an emergency.

4 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Andrew Davis stated that although he had considered application 6 a) as a member of the Planning Committee of Warminster Town Council, he would be considering the application with an open mind.

Cllr John Knight stated that although he had considered application 6 b) as a member of the Planning Committee of Trowbridge Town Council, he would be considering the application with an open mind.

5 Public Participation and Councillors' Questions

No questions had been received from councillors or members of the public. It was noted that the officer's response to the supplementary questions asked by Councillor Ernie Clark had been circulated, as a supplement, appended to the minutes of the meeting held on the 17 December 2014.

Cllr Clark expressed his dissatisfaction with the response and the with time it had taken for it to be given.

The Chairman welcomed all present. He then explained the rules of public participation and the procedure to be followed at the meeting.

6 Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following applications:

7 14/05980/FUL - Fairview House, Gipsy Lane, Warminster, BA12 9LR

The meeting's attention was drawn to the additional information, including the amendment to the proposed condition 14, circulated on the 14 January 2015.

Public participation:

Martin Somervell MBE, Andy Jelly and Rev Denis Brett spoke in objection to the application.

Mr Paul Walsh spoke in support of the application.

Cllr Sue Fraser spoke on behalf of Warminster Town Council

The Senior Planning Officer outlined the report which recommended the application for approval subject to conditions.

Members of the public were invited to speak on the application as listed above.

Issues discussed in the course of the debate included: impact on ecology and amenity, the location of the site, the access to the proposed development, the proximity of neighbouring buildings, the heights of the proposed buildings, the impact of local plan policies including those for social housing, the density of the development, the amendments made to the plans, the scale of development, and the visual impact.

At the end of the debate the meeting;

Resolved

To defer consideration of the application to enable further information to be presented to the Committee, and to enable a site visit to take place.

8 14/02929/FUL - Ravenscroft Nursing Home, 44 Hilperton Road, Trowbridge BA14 7JQ

Public participation:

Angela Clements and Roland Smithies spoke in objection to the application. Councillor Roger Andrews spoke on behalf of Trowbridge Town Council

The Senior Planning Officer outlined the report which recommended the application for approval subject to conditions.

Councillor Steve Oldrieve, as the local member, spoke in relation to the application.

Members of the public were invited to speak on the application as listed above.

Issues discussed in the course of the debate included: the site location, the relationship to existing neighbouring buildings, the revisions made to the original scheme, the height and density of the proposals, the impact of the proposals on privacy and sunlight, vehicular access to the site, the number of parking spaces provided, the impact on the vegetation on the site and the relevant tree preservation orders, the impact on the conservation area and that Trowbridge Town Council had confirmed that they objected to the revised plans.

At the end of the debate the meeting;

Resolved

To defer consideration of the application to enable a site visit to take place.

9 Urgent Items

There were no Urgent Items.

(Duration of meeting: 3.00 - 4.40 pm)

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