



WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

10 JULY 2023 – 6.45 pm

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Councillor Ketteringham, Vice-Chairman in the Chair; Councillors Edwards and Oliver.

Apologies: Councillor Meekins.

Public participation: None requested.

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee held on 19 June 2023 were confirmed and signed.

P16/23 Fenland District Council

The Clerk reported that there were no planning-related issues in terms of Fenland District Council schemes, projects, services or policies requiring consideration by this committee.

Members decided that the situation be noted.

P17/23 Cambridgeshire County Council

The Clerk reported that there were no planning-related issues in terms of Cambridgeshire County Council schemes, projects, services or policies requiring consideration by this committee.

Members decided that the situation be noted.

P18/23 Correspondence

Members considered a letter of consultation from King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council in respect of a planning application for proposed commercial units – Use Classes A1, A2 and B1 – at Pondworld Retail Park, Lynn Road, Walsoken (planning application reference 23/00618/FM).

Members decided that King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council be informed that Wisbech Town Council supports this development proposal, subject to the Local Highway Authority being satisfied that the existing access to the site is capable of accommodating the additional traffic likely to be generated by this proposal without affecting adversely the flow and safety of vehicles travelling along this section of Lynn Road.

P19/23 Applications for planning permission

Members considered the applications set out on the attached schedule and decided to submit to the Local Planning Authority the comments, as the consultation responses of the Town Council, listed in that schedule.

P20/23 Wisbech-related Planning and Conservation matters/issues

In accordance with minute P59/22, members considered whether there are any Wisbech-related planning and conservation matters/issues (such as the condition of some of the listed buildings



within the town) that they feel ought to be referred to the Local Planning Authority (or another relevant agency) for consideration.

At minute P65/22 this committee decided that its concern regarding the condition of the exterior of the William Hill premises in the Market Place (particularly the first floor windows of the property) be referred, by the Clerk, to the Local Planning Authority (LPA). At minute P71/22 the Clerk had reported the response of the LPA. However, members are concerned that no repair works appear to have been undertaken to the building since that time and that its condition continues to deteriorate.

At minute P83/22 this committee decided that its concern regarding the length of time that had passed since the fire damage to the former Cashino premises on Market Place and the apparent lack of action since that time to either repair or demolish the building be referred, by the Clerk, to the Local Planning Authority (LPA); the Local Planning Authority being asked whether it is aware of any proposal to either repair or demolish that building. At minute P89/22 the Clerk had reported the response of the LPA. However, members are concerned that nothing has changed (albeit that they had considered, at minute P7/23, planning applications F/YR23/0389/F and F/YR23/0390/LB, for consent to demolish the building) at that site.

Members decided that there are no new Wisbech-related planning or conservation matters/issues that they wish to refer to the Local Planning Authority (or another relevant agency) at this time but requested the Clerk to seek to obtain from the Local Planning Authority updates in relation to the matters that it had raised at minutes P65/22 and P83/22.

P21/23 Date of next meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of this committee is scheduled for 24 July 2023, to commence at 6.30 pm.

Meeting finished at 7.05 pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....



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**APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION – 10 July 2023
(Minute P19/23 refers)**

Reference	Description	Comments
F/YR23/0386/VOC	Variation of condition 19 (Acoustic Fence) and condition 22 (list of approved plans) of planning permission F/YR22/0354/F (Erect 16 dwellings (two-storey 3-bed) with associated garages, parking and landscaping, involving demolition of existing buildings) to change acoustic fence location at 134A Ramnoth Road, Wisbech (applicant: St Mary's Estates) = revised proposal; revision is materials removed from application and clarification provided regarding boundary treatments which are not proposed to be acoustic fencing.	That the application be supported
F/YR23/0511/F	Erect 1.8 metres high (max. height) metal boundary security fence at Telephone Exchange, Somers Road, Wisbech (applicant: British Telecom PLC)	That the application be supported
F/YR23/0521/F	Erect rear extensions (part single-storey, part two-storey), involving partial demolition of existing single-storey element, formation of a porch canopy to front elevation, erect a detached car port and attached car port, and formation of a new access (part retrospective) at 300 Churchill Road, Wisbech (applicant: Mr VJP Gauci)	That the application be supported
F/YR23/0525/O	Outline planning application for a commercial business park with all matters reserved (other than access) delivering a mix of potential floorspace options including Industrial (B2/B8/Eg (iii)); Petrol Filling Station (Sui Generis) and Ancillary Retail Kiosk (E(a)); Drive Thru Restaurants (Sui Generis or E(b)); Drive-To Diner (Sui Generis or E(b)); and Hotel (C1) with associated infrastructure on land at junction of A47 Cromwell Road, Wisbech (applicant: GC No.27 Ltd)	That the application be supported, subject to the Local Highway Authority being satisfied with the proposed access arrangements