

Planning Committee

Wednesday, 15 November 2017

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Andrew Fry (Chair), Councillor Yvonne Smith (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Roger Bennett, Natalie Brookes, Michael Chalk, Matthew Dormer, Gareth Prosser, Jennifer Wheeler and Nina Wood-Ford

Officers:

Emily Farmer, Claire Gilbert, Helena Plant and Amar Hussain

Democratic Services Officers:

Debbie Parker-Jones and Jan Smyth

35. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Wanda King, who was substituted by Councillor Natalie Brookes.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bennett advised that, in respect of Application 2017/01021/FUL (Unit 30, Hunt End Industrial Estate, Dunlop Road, Redditch), whilst he did not believe he had a declarable interests in the matter, for clarity he wished it to be noted that he lived opposite Dunlop Road.

37. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 11TH OCTOBER 2017

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 11th October 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the correction of two typographical errors in Minute 33 – Application 2017/00764/FUL (Mercian Square, Market Place, Town Centre, Redditch), in relation to the description of the proposed development plan, which should have read as follows:

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Chair

**“Public Artwork to celebrate the life and works of John Bonham,
Son of Redditch and drummer with Led Zeppelin –
31st May 1948 to 25th September 1980.”**

38. UPDATE REPORTS

The Committee noted that there were no published Update Reports for the two applications to be considered, but that there would be a verbal update from Officers later in the meeting in relation to one of the applications.

39. APPLICATION 2017/00973/OUT - FIELD 2865, MOORS LANE, FECKENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE - MR GERRY EOST

Change of use of a field (currently used for grazing sheep) into a cricket pitch, to be used by Feckenham Cricket Club for 3rd-team and junior games. No building work is proposed.

Mr Bob Gordon, on behalf of the Applicant, addressed the Committee under the Council's public speaking rules.

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Planning Permission be REFUSED, for the reasons set out on pages 10 to 11 of the main agenda report.

(Members noted an oral update by Officers in relation to a late representation received in support of the proposal, which Officers advised raised no new material considerations.)

40. APPLICATION 2017/01021/FUL - UNIT 30, HUNT END INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, DUNLOP ROAD, REDDITCH - MS RACHEL PRICE-WHITTLE

Change of use of industrial unit to a mixed use health complex which encompasses: fitness studios, personal training studios, massage therapy room, functional gym space, café, retail shop and education centre.

Ms Rachel Price-Whittle, the Applicant, addressed the Committee under the Council's public speaking rules.

RESOLVED that

having regard to the Development Plan and to all other material considerations, Planning Permission be REFUSED, for the reasons set out on pages 19 to 20 of the main agenda report.

41. PLANNING APPEAL OUTCOMES - INFORMATION REPORT

Members received and noted a report that detailed the outcomes of three recent planning appeal decisions. Officers provided clarification on various matters, particularly in relation to the split appeal decision for Planning Application 2016/225/FUL – Astwood Bank Park, on which Officers agreed to forward to the Committee Members the Planning Inspectorate's full Decision Notice. Members also noted that costs had been granted against the Council on one of the Applications, which were currently being negotiated with the Applicant.

RESOLVED that

the Information Report be noted.

42. JAN SMYTH

The Chair and Committee members expressed their sincere thanks to Jan Smyth, Democratic Services Officer, who after working at the Council for almost 30 years, many of which had been spent supporting the Planning Committee, would shortly be leaving.

Members noted the excellent work and service provided by Mrs Smyth during her time at the Council and wished her well for the future.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 8.04 pm