

Planning Committee

3 February 2009

Minutes

Present:

Councillor Michael Chalk (Chair), Councillor David Smith (Vice-Chair) and Councillors B Clayton (substituting for Councillor Boyd-Carpenter), D Enderby, J Field, W Hartnett, N Hicks, D Hunt and R King

Also Present:

Mr M Collins (Vice-Chair – Standards Committee)

Officers:

R Bamford, S Edden, A Hussain and A Rutt

Committee Services Officer:

J Smyth.

68. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Boyd-Carpenter.

69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

70. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

The Committee considered and determined two Planning Applications as detailed in the subsequent minutes below. The applications were initially introduced and dealt with together. When, during the debate, issues emerged which triggered a divergence of views in respect of the retention of the temporary building, the two applications were dealt with separately.

Officers tabled an update report detailing any late responses to consultation, changed recommendations, further conditions and any additional Officer comments in relation to each application. This report was further updated orally at the meeting as appropriate to each application.

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Public speaking was permitted, in accordance with the Council's agreed procedures, in relation to both of the applications being considered.

71. PLANNING APPLICATION 2008/345/FUL - FECKENHAM C OF E FIRST SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, FECKENHAM

Re-siting of existing temporary classrooms and formation of new car park and access points

Applicant: Governors of Feckenham C of E First School

Mrs B Hartigan (Head Teacher and supporter) 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 GRANTED, subject to the conditions and informatives detailed in the report.

72. PLANNING APPLICATION 2008/395/FUL - FECKENHAM C OF E FIRST SCHOOL, SCHOOL LANE, FECKENHAM

Extensions to existing school and highway alterations to form new footpath

Applicant: Governors of Feckenham C of E First School

Mrs B Hartigan (Head Teacher and supporter) 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 GRANTED, subject to the conditions detailed in the report and the following additional informatives:

- “1. No disturbance of, or change to, the surface of the path or part thereof should be carried out without similar written consent (this includes laying concrete, tarmac or similar).**
- 2. There should be no diminution in the width of the right of way available for use by the public.**
- 3. Building materials must not be stored on the right of way.**

4. **Vehicle movements and parking should be arranged so as not to unreasonably interfere with the public's use of the right of way.**
5. **No additional barriers should be placed across the right of way.**
6. **The safety of the public using the right of way should be ensured at all times.**

73. INFORMATION REPORTS

The Committee received a number of items of information in relation to the outcomes of appeals against earlier Planning decisions, together with statistics relating to enforcement activity during the previous six months.

RESOLVED that

the various items of information be noted.

74. ENFORCEMENT OF PLANNING CONTROL

The Committee considered a request for authority to be delegated to Officers to deal with an escalating problem of unauthorised advertisements being displayed throughout the Borough, as detailed in the subsequent minute below.

75. ENFORCEMENT REPORT

The Display of Unauthorised Highway Advertisements

The Committee noted the need for Officers to be able to deal quickly and effectively with the ongoing and growing number of unauthorised advertisements being put up in the Borough.

This proposal was generally supported and Members noted the various fines that could be imposed if prosecutions were successful.

The description of 'banner advertisements' was broadened, to 'advertisement paraphernalia', to take account of a wider range of potential styles of advertisement. Members also noted that the nature of this proposal required the authority of the full Council.

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) **authority be delegated to the Head of Legal Services, in consultation with the Acting Head of Planning and Building Control, to take enforcement action, including**

the instigation of legal proceedings if necessary, in respect of breaches of Planning Control, namely the display of any advertisement paraphernalia, without the express consent of the Local Planning Authority; and

- 2) such action comprise the instigation of Prosecution proceedings if deemed necessary.**

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and closed at 9.06 pm

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CHAIR