

PLANNING COMMITTEE: MINUTES

Date: Thursday 7th January 2016

Time: 10.00am – 11.50

Place: Kreis Viersen Room, Shire Hall, Cambridge

Present: Councillors, B Ashwood, P Ashcroft, D Connor (Chairman), W Hunt, S Kindersley, A Lay, M Loynes, J Scutt and M Smith (Vice-Chairwoman)

The Chairman of the Planning Committee led a minutes silence in memory of the former Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Philip Read who passed away recently.

155. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Harford.

There were no declarations of interest.

156. MINUTES – 10TH DECEMBER 2015.

The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 10th December 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment to paragraph 4 of minute 151 to read “where light refreshments would be available to eat and drink”.

157. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was resolved unanimously:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and that it would not be in the public interest for the information to be disclosed (information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings).

158. BLOCK FEN HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT WORKS UPDATE REPORT.

The Committee received a report regarding the current situation surrounding highway improvement works along Block Fen Drove following consultation with Counsel.

It was resolved:

- a) To note the current legal position in respect of Hanson as stated in paragraph 2.2 of the report
- b) They note the current legal position in respect of Aggregate Industries as stated in paragraph 2.3 of the report.
- c) They endorse option 3 in relation to Mick George Ltd as being the most appropriate way forward to secure compliance with the planning condition.

- d) To agree a letter be sent by the Chairman of the Planning Committee that highlighted the concern and anger of the Committee in relation to the matters still outstanding.

159. LANGWOOD FARMS BLOCK FEN – HANSON RESTORATION PLAN LEGAL UPDATE.

Members were presented with a report that provided an update on the legal position surrounding the enforceability of conditions and obligations contained in planning permission F/0363/98 and the Section 106 Agreement dated 28th November 2002 in relation to land at the Langwood Fen Farm, Block Fen, Chatteris.

It was resolved unanimously:

To note the contents of the report and endorse the advice set out in paragraph 6.1 of the report.

160. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2016.

Chairman