**SPROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE BARLEY ROOM, SPROUGHTON ON MONDAY 29TH APRIL 2019**

**PRESENT:** Cllr L Court, Cllr H Davies (Chair), Cllr J King, Cllr S Maxwell, Cllr Z Norman, Cllr P Powell (Vice Chair)

Mrs R Jermyn – Sproughton Working Group

**1.4. APOLOGIES**

Cllr K Barwick, Cllr I Selby

**2.4. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Powell stated all Planning Committee members subject to a declaration of interest following

previous advice from SALC.

**3.4. MINUTES**

Councillors **agreed** for minutes of the Planning Committee meeting minutes for 10th April to be

amended to show ‘Sproughton Working Group’ be replaced with ‘Cllr Norman, Clive Harris and

Cllr Powell’ under Item 13, before Chair to sign.

**4.4. REVIEW OF ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS SPC PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 10TH APRIL**

There was no update for this item.

**5.4. DC/18/02010 – HOPKINS HOMES, 54 HOUSES – FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FROM PLANNING**

**COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH APRIL**

Councillors discussed continued attempts to obtain documentation and CD recording of District

Council Planning Committee meeting held on 17th April. **Clerk to contact planning officer, Jo**

**Hobbs.**

Councillors **agreed** for the Clerk to contact Professor Duck with regard to clarity over the

‘heritage’ document relevant to Hopkins Homes development.

Cllr Davies suggested a ‘standard list’ of planning activities and tasks be collated to ensure all

actions undertaken.

Cllr Court made mention of a discussion with a representative of Planning Direct and suggested

whether the Parish Council should consider professional advice to counter-balance knowledge

of developers. Cllr Davies stated the charges for Planning Direct were £495 per day and had to

be justified under public spending guidelines.

Cllr Powell stated the Parish Council has access to environmental professional advice through

the Environmental Law Foundation.

Councillors **agreed** for Cllr Court to research a selection of planning consultants for comparison.

**6.4. DC/19/01401 – 175 HOUSES FITZGERALD ROAD/LORAINE WAY, BRAMFORD**

Councillors referred to comments made regarding traffic issues and **agreed** that Clive Harris be

consulted to establish Planning Committee actions.

**7.4. DC/19/01666 – APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS FOLLOWING OUTLINE**

**APPROVAL – BELSTEAD MEADOWS**

Councillors **agreed** to Cllr Powell’s suggestion that a request be made for health-care CIL funding

to be spent on health-care provision along the Gipping Valley corridor.

**8.4. DC/19/00567 – FTFC/PIGEON LAND MANAGEMENT**

Cllr’s Davies and Powell advised Councillors regarding the meeting held with representatives of

Pigeon and Jo Hobbs (DC planning officer), presenting Councillors with a revised ‘concept’ for

the development, including keeping the allotments in place and increasing the available space,

the removal of additional parking at the Wild Man, changes to the closure of the Burstall

Lane junction and moving caravan storage facilities to the bottom of the hill.

Councillors were advised this concept was sufficiently different to original application for it to

potentially go back to public consultation stage and developers were looking for the Parish

Council’s opinion.

Councillors **agreed** the concept was an improvement on original application and **agreed** to

consider a response for the developers.

**9.4. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday 8th May at 7pm. The Clerk advised Councillors this was the same date as their

Annual Council Meeting.

**10.4. MATTERS RAISED BY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Councillors were advised, by the Clerk, that planning consultation training was available from

SALC, with all present expressing an interest to attend.

Cllr Davies requested the Clerk make contact with other Parish Council Clerk’s along Gipping

Valley corridor in an attempt to garner support over volume of planning applications.

Councillors discussed the potential for a Neighbourhood Plan. Clerk to make enquiries with

regard to processes/costs.

8.40pm, Meeting closed.

CHAIR DATE