

ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 December 2009 at 7pm in the Town Hall

Present: Cllrs G Farrow (Chair), V Dale, S Schucroft, S Taylor, J Taylor, B Waters; H Elias (Town Clerk);

1 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr A Marchant (family commitment)

2 To accept declarations of interest in items below

It was noted that Items 4iii) and 4v) were the Town Council's own applications. Cllr Farrow declared an interest in Item vi) and took no part in the discussion as his residence is located in Tummel Way, although he does not know the occupants of No. 29

3 To confirm minutes of the previous meeting (Matters arising not listed below for information only)

The minutes were agreed and signed.

4 To make observations on the following Planning Applications:

- i) **3PL/2009/1020/F** Applicant: Mr Jest, 44 Thieves Lanes – Erection of white UPVC porch / conservatory to front aspect of bungalow - No objections
- ii) **3PL/2009/1046/CU** Applicant: Mrs Anne-Marie Blatchford, 14 Connaught Road – Change of use from retail to dwelling house - No objections. Comment: Shop has been empty for 18 years or so.
- iii) **3PL/2009/1059/F** Applicant: Attleborough Town Council, Town Hall Queens Square – Demolition of existing store and construction of store rooms and offices - No objections. NB It was noted that this was the Council's own application.
- iv) **3PL/2009/1072/F** Applicant: Mr N Giles, The Orchards, Burgh Common, NR17 1QF – Proposed single storey rear extension - No objections
- v) **3PL/2009/1086/LB** Applicant: Attleborough Town Council, Town Hall, Queens Square - To erect temporary Christmas lights decoration to front façade of town hall using 4 stainless steel hooks - No objections. Comment: It was noted that this was the Council's own application
- vi) **3PL/2009/1092/F** Applicant: Mr & Mrs Anderson, 29 Tummel Way – Conservatory to rear - No objections. Comments: this addition will be very close to fence boundary with neighbour. NB: Cllr Farrow declared a prejudicial interest and took no part in the discussion as his home address is also Tummel Way.
- vii) **3AG/2009/0028/AG** Applicant: Mr F Butler, Brick Kiln Field, Long St, NR17 1AW – 5m wide extension lean-to off agricultural building - It was noted that this was not a planning application as such. The Committee was requested to comment on the design, siting and landscaping of the agricultural building. No problems or comments on the design, siting & landscaping.

5 To consider the Greater Norwich LDF Joint Core Strategy (Broadland, Norwich & South Norfolk) proposed submission document

Comments were made on the infrastructure and transport aspects. The document was deemed to be "idealistic". While the Committee admired its aspirations and hoped that they would come to fruition it was considered unrealistic given the current economic climate. The 40% affordable housing target was noted, which leaves little leeway for developers to pay for other infrastructure or facilities.

6 To receive an update on the LDF as presented the Attleborough Task Force meeting

Breckland's LDF Core Strategy had been passed as sound by the inspector. The Attleborough & Snetterton Area Action Plan will be drafted and taken back to the Task Force for comments; it will then

go through Breckland's scrutiny process before being put out for public consultation. It is expected to be finalised at the end of 2010. The lack of power at Snetterton could mean that Attleborough will have more employment facilities. It had been stressed that the link road must be built before the houses and District Councillors had consulted the legal team about the "minor" changes which altered the wording to imply that the building of the relief road and the building of houses would be concurrent. The worst case scenario is that Attleborough would become a commuter town with thousands of new houses and no facilities.

7 To receive correspondence on planning matters

- i) Breckland Council have made an exception to permit the appointment of Inventa Partners as a specialist consultant to assist in the delivery of the Snetterton Utilities Project to bring more energy suppliers on board.
- ii) Breckland have agreed to transfer land at Victory Park, London Road, Attleborough to EDF Energy to service the site.

8 To receive information on decisions made by the Planning Authority (Breckland District Council)

The following was refused planning permission:

- i) **3PL/2009/0890/O** Mrs J George & Mrs L Wood, 142 Besthorpe Road – demolition of bungalow, re-siting of substation and erection of five houses and access road.

9 To confirm the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 22 December 2009 at 7pm

It was agreed that the Committee would only meet if absolutely necessary. Extensions would be sought if there were only a few applications.

The meeting closed at 8.04pm

Chair: