

MINUTES - HISTON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING THURSDAY 16th APRIL 2009
7.30 p.m. at The Recreation Centre, New Road, Impington

Present: Cllr D J Thurman (Chairman), I M Parish, J P Emmines, D N Legge, A J Eade
11 residents Alstead Rd; Mr C Anderson, agent; Resident Station Road Clerk: Mrs Angela Young

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1. **Members' Declarations of Interest**

None

With agreement of Committee, Chairman brought forward part of item 4 and suspended standing orders

2. **New Planning Applications** (1 of 2)

S/0348/09/F M/Mrs/Mrs Brooklyn/Young, land to north east of 24 & 26 Cottenham Road – dwelling.

Objectors and agent present at meeting and invited to contribute to discussion. Chairman read draft Minutes from Full Council meeting 6 April and re-capped previous history of the site. It would appear the opposition was solely on suitability of access.

Discussion followed on:

- Visibility splay – previously provided, now identified on plans. Mr Anderson confirmed met Highways criteria; residents concerned over safety in this particular location and practicalities of sufficient splay with height of fence and how far cars would need to drive across boundary before sight achieved
- Other accesses in Alstead Road and pedestrian habits
- Copy letter of objection from resident noted, particularly concern over safety
- Construction problems with the access, the need to protect residents of Alstead Road
- Population make-up of Alstead Road, now and future

All Councillors gave their own comment and opinion. Chairman re-instated standing orders. Proposed Cllr Thurman, 3 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention to **RECOMMEND REFUSAL** for the reason nothing has materially changed since the application refused by SCDC in February 2009 and the reason given that “the proposed development would fail to provide sufficient pedestrian visibility splays into the site to the detriment of highway safety” therefore was still valid. Alstead Road residents and agent left the meeting. With agreement of Committee, Chairman again suspended standing orders

S/0340/09/F Mr Jason Starling, 11 Station Road – Single storey extension with mono-pitched roof to rear, conversion of front elevation flat roof canopy to pitched. Mr Starling attended to answer any queries on this application. Plans carefully inspected. Standing orders re-instated. All agreed to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL**. Chairman returned to agenda order

3. **To Sign and Approve Minutes of meeting 26 March 2009**

All agreed to sign as true record

4. **Matters Arising from Previous Meeting**

Design Brief up-date. Cllr Parish reported on on-going investigations. Cllr Eade to attend future sessions. Next meeting due 22 April

44 Station Road Liquor License License granted. Letter from SCDC Legal Officer covering process in relation to Planning permission held on file and copied to interested parties

Tree Works Cllr Eade, Tree Warden, provided comments on works at Oak Tree Way and Firs Surgery. Committee discussed the need for caution with reduction of trees

5. **New Planning Applications**

S/0233/09/F Mrs C Cartwright, 48 Home Close – Extensions AMENDED “To omit proposed changes to parking and site entrance” For Information Only. NOTED

S/0276/09/F Mr Michele Marchetti, 16 Alice Way – Extension AMENDED “Amended roof form and introduction of new first floor window on north elevation” All AGREED to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

S/0404/09/F Mr Mark Benstead, 80 Station Road – 2 storey extension to rear of property, providing first floor bedroom with en suite and increased living space to ground floor living room. Design Statement read and plans carefully inspected. All agreed to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

C/6/9/1A Cambridgeshire Guided Busway – Discharge of Planning Condition 3(a)(v), 4 & 8 – Design and External Appearance of Acoustic Fencing, Landscaping & Noise in Histon – Broken down into 3 sections – second submission for remaining stretch awaited. For Information Only. NOTED

C/6/9/1A Cambridgeshire Guided Busway – Discharge of Planning Condition 3(a)(v), 4 & 8 – Design and External Appearance of Acoustic Fencing, Landscaping & Noise in Histon – Villa Road section. Cllr Legge declared personal interest (lives nearby in Villa Road). Email from resident of Villa Place had been

copied for all, setting out objections to visual intrusiveness and block to light in gardens. Noise readings taken 15 April. Committee discussed issues of noise and overlooking. All agreed to **RECOMMEND REFUSAL** stating it was understood this application was only in connection with Villa Road, Impington, but comments as follows:

- Application premature until all information available
- Histon Parish Council feel barrier to be visually obtrusive
- Histon Parish Council feel the comments of Mr Bower regarding the noise barrier per se being too high
- Noise levels tested only recently and seems presumptuous to be agreeing heights beforehand. Histon Parish Council would prefer to see the calculations to consider if height could be reduced

6. **Refusals and Acceptances**

SCDC DECISION

PARISH COUNCIL Recommendation

Granted

S/2039/08/F Mr & Mrs P Keys, 19 West Road – Front Porch

Approval

Refused

S/0009/09/O Mrs N Woods, east of 15 Station Road – bungalow
(Contrary DP/1, DP/2 DP/3, LDF Conservation and Trees and Developments; CH/5, DPD 2007 para 3.3, NE/6, also access inadequate

Refusal

7. **Cambridgeshire Guided Busway**

Cllr Emmine had represented Histon PC on Guided Bus tour. Liaison meeting held 1 April, notes received for meeting held 5 February

8. **Northstowe and JAG**

Cllr Parish reported on constitutional issues. Meeting due 30 April

9. **Additional Consultation on the Inspectors Larger Site Option for the North West Cambridge Area Action Plan – to 20 April 2009.**

Cllr Emmine declared a prejudicial interest (work) and left the room. Agreed Cllr Thurman to work with Brian Ing (Impington PC) to produce final joint response on consultation on the 3,000 houses by 5pm 20 April. Discussion on duty of care to provide something visually attractive, of lower density; noise and air quality issues

10. **Air Quality Action Plan Stakeholders Workshop**

Report from Cllr Ing on meeting attended noted and accepted

11. **Histon Feast**

Committee had requested sponsorship of community events (Parade and Fun Run) since withdrawn. Indication that similar request to be made for 2010. Agreed Full Committee agenda item in June covering Donations Policies, including Histon Feast

12. **Other**

Consultation on Further Additional Mineral & Waste Development Proposals – comments by 12 May.

Cllr Parish to look at whether response appropriate. Next agenda

SCDC agenda items on “Public Speaking at meetings of the Planning Committee” “Enforcement against breaches of Planning Control”. Noted

Monthly up-date on consultation dates and deadlines

Premier Foods Noise and odour problems reported and dealt with appropriately

Regional Spatial Strategy Response by 23 April. All agreed Cllr Thurman to respond if appropriate

SCDC Car Park – High Street Cllr Mason had brought matter to attention of Histon PC of possible

disposal of car park and reports pending. Cllr Parish agreed to produce a briefing paper on previous

discussion on the subject and provide for all. Next agenda. Clerk to seek clarification from Mr S Hills at SCDC.

Next Planning meeting due 7 May 2009. Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.