



## WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

### PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

26 SEPTEMBER 2016 – 8.25 pm

#### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Present:** Councillor Miss Oliver, Chairman; Councillors Balsevics, Hill, Lay, Oliver, Tierney and Tibbs.

**Apologies:** Councillor Hodgson.

**Public Participation:** 2 members of the public and Cllr Hoy in attendance.

Cllr Hoy wished to speak on a planning application and, at the Chairman's proposal, it was agreed that she speak at the specific agenda item.

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 12 September 2016 were confirmed and signed.

#### **P38/16 Land North of Belgrave Retail Park, Wisbech.**

Members received a presentation from Kavi Saigal representing the planners in respect of an application to be submitted by Wickes Building Supplies following pre-application discussions with FDC regarding policy and design.

The proposal was for a re-branded, new design, retail outlet on currently vacant land, with public access via Sandown Road and a service access off Enterprise Way. The outlet was initially proposed in 2006 but had been delayed. However, it was recognized that Wisbech was a strategic gap between Peterborough and King's Lynn outlets. With a nine month build time, it was hoped that the store would open in Summer/Autumn 2017 (if the planning process was agreed with no delays). The new store would provide inside and outside sales space and create 40-45 full-time equivalent jobs.

#### **P39/16 Fenland District Council**

The Deputy Clerk reported that there were no planning-related issues in terms of Fenland District Council schemes, projects, services or policies requiring consideration by this committee other than on further agenda items.

Members decided that the situation be noted.

#### **P40/16 Cambridgeshire County Council**

The Deputy Clerk reported that there were no planning-related issues in terms of Cambridgeshire County Council schemes, projects, services or policies requiring consideration by this committee.

Members decided that the situation be noted.



**P41/16 Correspondence**

The Deputy Clerk reported that no planning-related correspondence had been received.

Members decided that the situation be noted.

**P42/16 Applications for planning permission**

Members considered the applications set out on the attached schedule and decided to submit to the Local Planning Authority the comments, as the consultation responses of the Town Council, listed in that schedule.

Members were reminded that they could access full details of all planning applications online prior to the Committee meeting.

Cllr Hoy wished to raise some issues from residents about application F/YR16/0792/F – she wished to point out that Foster Property Developments had consulted carefully with residents and the site’s designs had taken residents’ comments into consideration. However, there were still concerns regarding the rearrangement of the Elm Road/Weasenham Lane/Ramnoth Road junction.

**Meeting finished at 9.00 pm.**

Signed.....

Dated.....



## SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

26 September 2016

Reference	Description	Comments
F/YR16/0763/TRTPO	Fell one Ash tree covered by TPO5/1971 at 22 Southfields Close, Wisbech (applicant: Mrs Barbara Swain)	As this appears to be a retrospective application members support the application if the felling was confirmed to be needed in the professional opinion of FDC's Arboricultural Officer, and that a suitable replacement was made.
F/YR16/0773/TRTPO	Works to a Beech tree covered by TPO6/2011 at Isle College, Ramnoth Road, Wisbech (applicant: College of West Anglia Property Services)	That the application be supported, subject to the proposed work according with the professional opinion of FDC's Arboricultural Officer
F/YR16/0783/F	Change of use to mixed use A3/A4 restaurant/bar/club (ground floor) and D2 Snooker Hall (first floor) from mixed use Sui Generis (Leisure Entertainment Centre) and D2 (Snooker Hall), involving single-storey rear extension to form kitchen and erection of 4.5 metres high wall to rear, at Snooker Hall, Chapel Road, Wisbech (applicant: Mr S Rafique)	<p>Members acknowledge that this site has had ASB issues related to its activities in the past.</p> <p>Due to cumulative ASB and fear of crime considerations, they wish to know what measures will be put in place if the venue is made larger to address these.</p> <p>They also wish the Police Building Liaison Officer to be consulted.</p> <p>They are willing to support the planning application if these concerns are sufficiently addressed</p>
F/YR16/0792/F	Erection of 139 dwellings comprising of 6 x 1-bed and 6 x 2-bed flats with parking; 6 x single-storey 2-bed, 15 x two-storey 2-bed, 56 x two-storey 3-bed, 34 x three-storey 4-bed, 10 x three-storey 5-bed and 6 x three-storey 6-bed with garages; formation of a new junction access and associated works at the College of West Anglia, Elm High Road, Wisbech (applicant: Foster Property Developments (Fenland) Ltd)	<p>Members feel there is a good mix of housing, including larger properties.</p> <p>They have concerns regarding the new junction arrangement but if this is officially approved as a workable improvement, the application is supported.</p>