



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Councillor GK Butterwick

PLA(08)M4

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council Planning Committee on Monday 17th March 2008 commencing at 19:00 in The Parish Council Office Saddlemakers Lane Melton IP12 1PP.

Present:

Cllr Mrs ME Addington
Cllr Mr GK Butterwick
Cllr Mr AG Dunford

Cllr Mrs EJJ Hilson
Cllr Mr MW Sherwen [Chairman]

In attendance:

Ms B Barrington [Resident]
Mr S Thompson [Resident]
Mr MJ Green Clerk to Melton Parish Council

08.37 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR AND CONSENT TO ABSENCE

There were none.

08.38 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST WITH REGARD TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS TO THE REGISTER

There were none

08.39 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

08.39.01 To receive representations from Councillors who have declared a prejudicial interest under item 08.38

There were no representations

08.39.02 To receive representations from members of the public in respect of items on the agenda only

There were no representations

08.40 OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TALK TO COUNCILLORS

See item 08.43

08.41 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25TH FEBRUARY 2008

Minutes PLA(08)M3 of the meeting held on 25th February 2008 previously circulated were received and noted.

Proposed that the minutes be received and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Proposed by: Cllr Sherwen

Seconded by: Cllr Hilson

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be received and signed as a correct record

08.42 TO CONSIDER CO-OPTIONS OF NON-COUNCILLORS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

There were none

08.43 TO REVIEW PLANNING APPLICATION C08/0347/FUL – O2 MAST AT THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

It was **RESOLVED** to lift standing orders to allow the residents to contribute to the discussion

Noted that the Planning Officer had agreed verbally an extension to 26th March 2008 for the consultation period.

In addition to the paper distributed at the council meeting on 17th March the following points were raised during the discussion

- A petition had been handed in to SCDC offices
- Previous applications for building on the site had been rejected due to high visibility
- O2 had not followed their own or government guidelines on consultation
- No consideration appeared to be given to sharing other sites
- Visual impact on woodland walks that had been highlighted as being such an important feature in the Village Plan
- Houses that have a premium in rural areas would reduce significantly in value
- Aimed at improved service to Bromeswell & Eyke – why not erect in those areas
- Issues over health issues due to mobile phone emissions

Members of the public left the meeting at 19:30

It was **RESOLVED** to reinstate standing orders.

Proposed that the Planning Committee change its response and **object** to the application on the following grounds:

Proposed by: Cllr Sherwen

Seconded by: Cllr Hilson

- **PPS7** - The visual impact on the surrounding countryside area will be detrimental and planning should carefully weigh the objective of providing adequate facilities and sites with the need to protect landscapes and environmentally sensitive sites, and examine the scope for relocating any existing, visually or environmentally-intrusive sites away from sensitive areas, or for re-location away from sites prone to flooding or coastal erosion
- **PPG8** - Pre-application discussions should also be carried out between operators and other organisations with an interest in the proposed development, such as English Nature, the Countryside Agency, English Heritage, the Highways Agency, local highway authorities, **residential groups, parish councils** or amenity bodies. This consultation has **not** been carried out
- **PPG8** - In order to limit visual intrusion, the Government attaches considerable importance to keeping the numbers of radio and telecommunications masts, and of the sites for such installations, to the minimum consistent with the efficient

operation of the network. The sharing of masts and sites is strongly encouraged where that represents the optimum environmental solution in a particular case. Authorities will need to consider the cumulative impact upon the environment of additional antennas sharing a mast or masts sharing a site. There is no evidence in the application that this has been carried out

- **AP1/2** – The control of development in Conservations areas – this development would adversely impact on the visual character of the area
- **AP18** – Protects the countryside from development that will adversely affect the quality and character of the countryside – in our view this intrusive mast would do just this
- **AP19** – The proposal in this location will seriously detract from the character of the surroundings

It was RESOLVED to change its response and **object** to the application on the grounds above

08.44 TO REVIEW NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

08.44.01 C08/0431/FUL - 46 Fernhill Close Melton Woodbridge IP12 1LB

Erection of single storey rear extension

Copy of Planning Application previously circulated

Proposed that no objection be made to the application as Melton Planning Committee considers the application to be in line with SCDC Local Plan Policies and is not aware of any local objections.

Proposed by: Cllr Sherwen

Seconded by: Cllr Dunford

It was RESOLVED not to object to the application as Melton Planning Committee considers the application to be in line with SCDC Local Plan Policies and is not aware of any local objections.

08.44.02 C08/0437/FUL – 5 Norman Close Melton IP12 1JT

Erection of conservatory and extension

Copy of Planning Application previously circulated.

NOTE: as of 11/03/08 the SCDC Website shows one objection on the Neighbours & Representatives list

Concern was expressed by Committee that an objection appears to have been made as a result of the consultation to neighbours.

Proposed not to object to the application as it is in line with SCDC Local Plan Policies.

Proposed by: Cllr Sherwen

Seconded by: Cllr Butterwick

It was RESOLVED not to object to the application as it is in line with SCDC Local Plan Policies.

08.44.03 C08/0445/FUL – Tintern House Melton Road Melton IP12 1NH

Erection of new front boundary brick wall and gates

Copy of Planning Application previously circulated.

LPP AP1 states that the form, scale, design and detailing of new buildings, and the space around buildings [including landscape schemes, roads and fences] should be in harmony with, and relate satisfactorily to their surroundings.

Committee considered that the height and length of the fence was not in keeping with the surroundings.

Proposed to object to the application as it adversely impacts on the visual aspects of the conservation area.

Proposed by: Cllr Sherwen

Seconded by: Cllr Dunford

It was RESOLVED to object to the application as it adversely impacts on the visual aspects of the conservation area

08.44.04 To consider any other new applications received between 11^h March and 17th March

There were none

08.45 TO REVIEW PLANNING APPLICATION NOTICES RECEIVED

08.45.01 C08/0060/FUL – 46a The Street Melton IP12 1PW

Erection of single-storey extension

Copy of 'Permission has been granted' notice previously circulated was received and noted.

08.46 WILFORD BRIDGE

In the absence of any further information from SCDC Enforcement Officer, it was agreed to write to the P Ridley expressing ongoing concerns.

08.47 CURRENT SCDC PLANNING PROCEDURES AND THEIR IMPACT ON HOW MPC SERVES RESIDENTS

Paper PLA(08)P47 previously circulated was received and noted.

Proposed that the following recommendations contained in the paper be implemented.

- a) Advice should be sought from SALC as to whether this situation is unique to Suffolk Coastal or whether it applies in other districts.
- b) Depending on the outcome of that advice, SALC should be requested to take up the issue with the appropriate district council(s) on behalf of their constituent parish councils, and their residents.
- Subject to a) and b) above, a review of the parish council's procedures in respect of planning applications should be undertaken, with the aim of improving the ability of residents to become aware of applications and to make appropriate representations, whether to the parish council or direct to the district council

Proposed by: Cllr Sherwen

Seconded by: Cllr Butterwick

It was RESOLVED to implement the above proposals.

In the meanwhile it was agreed that an article should be written in the Melton Messenger encouraging residents to be vigilant in seeking out information and if they feel necessary object to SCDC and MPC

08.48 TO CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECENT DECISION OF THE PCT TO DESIGNATE MELTON AS URBAN FOR DISPENSING PURPOSES

Due to the urgency of the situation this item had been resolved at the Full Council meeting on 13th March 2008.

08.49 TO CONSIDER THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON THE LDF FORUM ON 10TH MARCH 2008

Paper (08)P48 previously circulated was received and noted.

Proposed that the draft response set out in the Schedule to the report should be endorsed and sent to Suffolk Coastal District Council, with copies going to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils and the Suffolk Preservation Society.

Propose by: Cllr Butterwick

Seconded by: Cllr Hilson

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08.50 PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

08.50.01 NATS Consultation

The correspondence from NATS about the changes to flight paths was noted.

Agreed to be an agenda item for next meeting and all members to look to the NATS website for further information

08.50.02 Adastral Park

Invitation to Open Day was tabled.

08.51 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:03

08.52 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21st April 2008 in The Lindos Centre Conference Room commencing at 19:00.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
[Chairman]