



PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council Planning and Transport Committee on Monday 24th September 2012 commencing at 1900 in the Lindos Centre Conference Room 4 Saddlemakers Lane Melton IP12 1PP

Present:

Cllr Miss EA Barrington [Vice Chairman]
Cllr Mr GK Butterwick [Chairman]
Cllr Mr AG Corston

Cllr Mrs EJJ Hilson
Cllr Mr ML Webb

Absent:

Cllr Mr JE Bale
Cllr Mr MW Sherwen

In Attendance:

Mr MJ Green Clerk to Melton Parish Council

12.114 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND CONSENT TO ABSENCE

12.114.01 Cllr Mr MW Sherwen – Holiday

Council considered this apology and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the apology and consent to the absence.

Proposed by: Cllr Butterwick **Seconded by:** Cllr Barrington.

12.114.02 Cllr Mr JE Bale – Illness

Council considered this apology and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the apology and consent to the absence.

Proposed by: Cllr Butterwick **Seconded by:** Cllr Barrington.

12.115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

12.115.01 To Receive Amendments to the Register

There were no amendments to the Register.

12.115.02 To Receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of Pecuniary Interest in respect of items on the agenda.

12.115.03 To Receive Declarations of Non Pecuniary Interest in Respect of Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of Non-Pecuniary Interest in respect of items on the agenda.

12.115.04 To Consider Full/Partial Dispensations for Pecuniary Interests Declared

The Clerk confirmed that he had not received any written requests for dispensations.

As there were no members of the Public present it was not necessary to lift standing orders

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

There were no members of the public present.

- 12.117 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 12.117.01 Meeting held on 20th August 2012**
It was RESOLVED that minutes PLA(12)M08 previously circulated be received, noted and signed as correct record by the Chairman.
Proposed by: Cllr Butterwick **Seconded by:** Cllr Barrington.
- 12.118 TO REVIEW NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**
- 12.118.01 C12/1944/FUL – 15 The Grove Melton IP12 1EZ**
Application for change window to door on southern elevation.
Copy of application previously circulated was received and noted.
It was RESOLVED not to object to the application as Melton Planning Committee considers the application to be in line with the saved policies from the SCDC Local Plan and the LDF Core Strategy and Development Management Interim Planning Policies; it has not received any objections from residents and has confirmed this with the documentation on the SCDC Planning Application Website.
Proposed by: Cllr Butterwick **Seconded by:** Cllr Barrington.
- 12.119 TO REVIEW PLANNING APPLICATION NOTICES RECEIVED**
- 12.119.01 C12/1200/FUL – The Woodlands Valley Farm Road Melton IP12 1LL**
Application for erection of single-storey extension on southern elevation
Copy of 'permission has been granted' notice previously circulated was received and noted.
- 12.119.02 C12/1262/FUL – South Lodge, Lodge Farm Road, Melton IP12 1QS**
Application for the erection of extensions and construction of terraces.
Copy of 'permission has been granted' notice previously circulated was received and noted.
- 12.119.03 C12/1518/FUL – Part Side Garden 1 Pear Tree Cottages Station Road Melton IP12 1PY**
Application for the erection of a detached one and a half storey two bedroom dwelling
Copy of 'will be considered by Dev Con on 13th September 2012' notice previously circulated was received and noted.
The Chairman reported that he had attended the DevCon meeting at which the application was approved, subject to conditions which met almost all of the issues raised by the next-door neighbour and the parish council. It was also noted that as of 24th September the minutes of the Development Control Sub-Committee had been made available on the SCDC website.
- 12.119.04 C12/1597/FUL – 25 Fernhill Close Melton IP12 1LB**
Application for erection of conservatory to the rear of the property.
Copy of 'permission has been granted' notice previously circulated was received and noted.
- 12.119.05 C12/1619/FUL – 29 Fernhill Close Melton IP12 1LB**
Application for erection of a first floor extension over existing garage and existing extension.
Copy of 'permission has been granted' notice previously circulated was received and noted.
- 12.120 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL LOCAL TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE**
Nothing further to report.
- 12.121 TO RECEIVE A PROGRESS REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**
Paper PLA(12)P121 previously circulated was received and noted.
- 12.122 TO CONSIDER TREE WORK APPLICATIONS**
It was noted that there had been no tree work applications or notices received when the papers were issued for the meeting. However, the Clerk reported that in the post was a

TPO initial consultation for 1 Grant Rise but as there was no information with the notice this would be deferred until such time as details were available.

12.123 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WORKING GROUPS

12.123.01 Affordable Housing Working Group

The Chairman reported that he had discussed the performance of Suffolk ACRE's consultant with Cllr Needham, convenor of the group. The Chairman also reported that Cllr Martin had joined the group, leaving one vacancy, which it might be appropriate to be filled by a resident.

12.123.02 Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The Vice Chairman, convenor of the group, reported on progress being made:

(a) Rendlesham Parish Council

Heather Heelis [Parish Clerk] was arranging a workshop on the 'what, why and when' of producing a Neighbourhood Plan based on their experience to date. The workshop will be held on Tuesday 2nd October 2012 at Rendlesham Community Centre starting at 1930 to which councils who have expressed an interest in carrying out a NP will be invited. Councillors wishing to attend should email their intention to rendlesham.parishcouncil@virgin.net by 1st October 2012.

(b) SCDC

Initial discussions had taken place with Hilary Hanslip at SCDC who, with Bob Chamberlain, is responsible for Neighbourhood Planning and numerous guidance documents had been provided to MPC by them.

A further meeting is being scheduled as MPC needs to register its intention to have a NP and also to follow up the possibility of seeking government funding for the NP that has been made available through district councils.

12.123.03 Traffic & Transport Working Group

Cllr Corston, convenor of the group, reported on progress with the strategy document:

(a) Contact with David Chenery Suffolk County Council Highways

David Chenery had been approached and had agreed to review the draft strategy document produced by the working group. He will produce a critique of the report for the working groups to consider.

(b) Funding

A number of funding sources were being investigated including 'Local Transport Plan Strategy for Market Towns, 'County Councillor Locality/Quality of Life Budget' and 'Community Infrastructure Levy'. David Chenery is advising on possible other funding opportunities available to the parish council.

(c) Short Term Additional Car Parking

Cllr Corston advised the meeting that the working group was also investigating the possibility of further addition short term car parking opportunities in Melton as parking was becoming an increasing issue in and around The Street and Station Road.

12.124 TO CONSIDER SPEED LIMIT ON SADDLEMAKERS LANE/NEW ROAD

Committee considered once again the issue of the national speed limit of 60 mph on parts of Saddlemakers Lane and New Lane.

It was noted that previous attempts to have the speed limit reduced had proved negative despite evidence from traffic counts commissioned by the parish council and the pictures of collisions provided. However it was felt that it was worthy of revisiting the previous applications.

Cllr Corston offered to talk with SCC Highways to discover what was required to enable them to investigate this matter again.

The Chairman offered to look in his archive files and provide the statistics used in the previous application.

12.125 TO CONSIDER LETTER FROM RICHARD VEST – ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN LTD
PLA(12)P125 – copy of letter previously circulated was received and noted.
No action to be taken at this time but the information to be held on file for possible use in the future.

12.126 PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

12.126.01 To receive a report on urgent business not otherwise on the agenda

(a) Independent Inspector's Examination of SCDC LDF Polices

Paper PLA(12)P126.01(a) tabled at the meeting was received and noted.
The Chairman highlighted the following from the paper:

- (i) Letters had been sent to 80 of the 85 town & parish councils not listed as making successful representations of which replies were received from 26 all of whom confirmed they had made no representation
- (ii) Letters had been sent to the 6 town & parish councils invited to give evidence at the LDF Examination in Public [EIP], of which 4 replied but none were able to give the assistance requested. However the Chairman of Waldringfield PC has included a small part of Melton PC's response in his personal evidence.
- (iii) Although most of what MPC would have wished to say will be covered in evidence provided by other councils the opportunity to give MPC views on the inadequacy of the entire Accessibility and Infrastructure Section and of the need for robust & meaningful consultation on Physical Limits Boundaries and Key & Local Service Centres has been lost.
- (iv) No response has been received from SCDC to our request to reconsider their refusal to identify the person or organisation submitting each of the representations they deemed 'not duly made' or from the Information Commissioners Office in relation to our objection.
- (v) The EIP hearing sessions are due to start on 23rd October 2012 and MPC appears to have reached the end of the road in trying to get their views heard by the independent examiner

It was agreed with some reluctance to note the contents of the report and accept that after six year's involvement in the LDF consultation process nothing further can be achieved by MPC due in part to the remarkably unaccommodating attitude of SCDC.

(b) Boat Policy – Planning Applications

In response to a question about the SCDC policy relating to boats moored on the River Deben and the planning policy relating to the permanency of the mooring the Chairman reported that Cllr Bond was working with the leader and deputy leader of SCDC, Woodbridge TC, Melton PC and the Deben Estuary Partnership to find a resolution to the issue.

(c) Parking on Dock Lane

The Chairman referred to correspondence received from a resident of Dock Lane concerning problems caused by parked cars at the junction with Riverview during the working day. Cllr Corston agreed to include consideration of this in the work of the Traffic & Transport Working Group.

12.126.02 To receive items for future meetings

The following items were noted for inclusion on the agenda of future meetings.

(a) SCDC Boat Policy

An update on progress.

12.126.03 To agree items for inclusion in Melton Messenger

The following items were noted for inclusion in the Melton Messenger:

(a) Affordable Housing Working Group

A brief reference to the work undertaken so far and the opportunity for a resident to join the group

(b) Progress with the Neighbourhood Plan

The working group had been formed, advice on the way in which the plan is to be carried out is being sought and investigations taking place regarding possible sources of funding.

(c) Traffic & Transport Working Group

The draft strategy report is being critiqued by SCC and sources of funding identified. Parking issues in Melton will also be added to the remit of the group. Anyone wanting to join the group please contact Cllr Corston eMail: cllr.corston@melton-suffolk-pc.gov.uk
In the meanwhile motorists are urged to exercise sensitivity to other road users when parking in The Street and Station Road.

12.127 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Monday 22nd October 2012 at 1900 in the Lindos Centre Conference Room 4.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2030

Signed: _____

Date: _____

[Chairman]