

Minutes of the PLANNING COMMITTEE
held on 6th June 2012
in the Parish Office, Hawkwell Village Hall

Councillors Present: Cllr Mrs Weir (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Cooke, Cllr R Patient and Cllr D Weir.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs V Leach, J Scrivener and Mrs P Young.

2. Approve Minutes of Meeting held on 21st May 2012 and to approve the destruction of the manuscript notes in respect of that meeting:

Agreed.

3. Declarations of Interest:

None.

4. Letter from Cllr J Mason dated 28th May in response to request for District Councillors to respond to Clerk's dated 26th April 2012 and Mr Scrutton's letter of 9th May:

The Chairman said this was self-explanatory and Cllr Mason was querying whether HPC were going ahead with the Neighbourhood Plan which Cllr Leach and Cllr Mrs Weir had reported back that it seemed to be a pointless exercise and it had to be parish led. The Clerk informed that the previous Clerk had been of the opinion that it was a huge undertaking and the development within the area of Hawkwell would probably go ahead anyway. Cllr Leach had advised previously that HPC had ticked the box that HPC would consider it so as to comply.

Cllr Patient pointed out that the response from Cllr Mason was the only one received so far and he had thought the correspondence dated 26th April and 9th May was to be copied to all 39 or so Members of District Council. A lengthy discussion ensued with strong opinions expressed. **It was resolved that Stuart Mennell's letter, Shaun Scrutton's response and subsequent letters would be sent to the Development Members of District Council.**

5. E-mails dated 30th May from Cllr J Mason regarding Christmas Tree Farm Development:

The Chairman was disappointed that HPC did not receive notification of the meeting arranged by David Wilson Homes and she confirmed Council had not officially been asked to take over the open space. Cllr Patient referred to Cllr Mrs Heath's involvement and the Clerk clarified Cllr Mrs Heath's attendance at that meeting was as a Member of the Residents Association. **Members discussed the situation and it was resolved that until HPC receive a formal letter from DWH Council would take no action. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge Cllr Mason's email reiterating that Council had not been officially approached by DWH.**

6. Planning Applications:

Responsibility: Delegated

Application No: 12/00287/FUL. Peartree Cottage Holyoak Lane Hawkwell Essex. Single Storey Side Extension.

No objection providing the application complies with green belt and listed building regulations.

Cllr Patient queried the possibility of obtaining the Schedule setting out the Officers' comments and recommendations for each application. He questioned whether the committee were wasting its time when applications were delegated to the Officers and whether HPC's comments were noted when an application was passed. Cllr Weir stated he had requested the Schedule for many years and had been told it wasn't possible to provide a copy of it. He clarified that it contained all the information from the County Surveyor, Water board etc. It was debated that if the public could pick up a copy from the seat of a Development Committee meeting then there should be no reason why HPC should not receive a copy. Members discussed the issue at length.

Cllr Patient recommended the Committee attend a Development Control meeting in the future, pick up the documentation there and put forward its questions and this was agreed.

Application No: 12/00316/LDC. 191 Main Road Hawkwell Hockley SS5 4EJ. Hip to Gable Roof Alterations, Loft Conversion, Insert Rear Facing Dormer and Roof Lights to Front.

No objection.

Application No: 12/00329/LDC. 49 Eastbury Avenue Rochford Essex SS4 1SE. Application for Lawful Development Certificate for Proposed Roof Lantern and Rear Dormer Extension.

No objection.

Application No: 12/00334/FUL. 341 Ashingdon Road Rochford Essex SS4 3DB. Vehicular Crossover.

No objection.

Application No: 12/00342/FUL. 1 Roche Avenue Rochford Essex SS4 1NG. Sloping Roofed Side Dormer.

No objection.

Responsibility: Committee

Application No: 12/00256/FUL. Land Adjacent 20 Hill Lane Hawkwell Essex. Proposed 2 Bed Detached Bungalow including New Vehicular Crossover Off Heycroft Road.

Object due to over development of the site, difficult vehicular access and egress because of the bend of the road causing potential for accidents due to poor visibility.

Application No: 12/00290/FUL. Land Adjacent 12 Silverthorn Close Rochford Essex. Subdivide Plot and Construct One Two Bedroomed Bungalow.

No objection but concern was expressed over the parking arrangements.

The meeting closed at 2.50pm.

Chairman