

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 10th October 2022 at the Parish Centre, Warboys.

PRESENT

Councillor D W England, Vice Chairman in the Chair

Councillors Mrs J M Cole, R J Dykstra, Ms L A Gifford, P S Potts, Mrs C L Sproats, Dr S C Withams and Mrs A R Wyatt.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D R A Fabb, S J Green, Ms M L Morrow, A Ntuk, J A Parker, Mrs S J Wilcox and G C M Willis, County Councillor S C Corney and District Councillors Mrs A E Costello and Ms C A Lowe.

38/22 MINUTES

Upon being moved by Councillor Ms Gifford and seconded by Councillor Dr Withams, the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26th September 2022 were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

39/22 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor England declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in Minute No. 42/22(b) (Applications) as he was an acquaintance of the applicant. Councillor Mrs Wyatt declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the same Minute as she lived in close proximity to the site of the planning application.

40/22 MATTERS ARISING

No matters were raised in respect of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26th September 2022.

41/22 DISTRICT COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PANEL

The Committee was informed that the agenda for the meeting of the District Council's Development Management Committee to be held on 17th October contained the applications for planning permission and listed buildings consent for the refurbishment of 66 High Street. The applications had been recommended for approval by the Parish Council to secure the improvement of the premises which had been vacant for in excess of 25 years.

The Committee was addressed by the applicant who explained the difficulties that he had encountered in his relations with the District Council, The Clerk reported that Councillor

Willis was prepared to speak in support of the Parish Council's recommendation for approval at the Development Management Committee meeting and it was therefore

RESOLVED

that Councillor Willis be authorised to speak on the Council's behalf at the meeting.

42/22 APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the following applications for planning permission, arising from which it was

RESOLVED

that the following observations be submitted to the District Council:-

- (a) **22/01911/FUL 21A Mill Green – Part change of use of vacant Retail E(a) to a hot food takeaway (sui generis) with the installation of an extract duct at the rear of the building, refurbishment to the interior and of the shopfront**

that the District Council be recommended to approve the application on the grounds that it does not conflict with the policies contained in the Development Plan. As the premises had been vacant for a number of years and was becoming an eyesore, the use proposed would provide an additional amenity for the village. If approved, the District Council are recommended to impose suitable conditions to control noise, odour and litter from the use proposed.

(The Committee was addressed by a number of local residents in respect of the application.)

(Having declared interests in the following application, Councillors England and Mrs Wyatt left the room and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon.)

RESOLVED

that Councillor Dr Withams be elected Chairman of the meeting for the consideration of the following application.)

Councillor Dr Withams in the Chair.

- (b) **22/01983/FUL 18 High Street – Proposed conversion from shop units to dwelling and roof extension to create first floor**

that the District Council be recommended to approve the application on the grounds that it does not conflict with the policies contained in the Development Plan. Although this would involve the loss of one of the few remaining retail outlets in the village, the previous owner had advertised it

for sale for a long period without attracting any interest in its continued use for commercial purposes.

(The Committee was informed that an e-mail had been received from a neighbour raising no objection to the application.)

Councillor England, Vice Chairman, in the Chair

43/22 DETERMINATIONS

The Committee noted that, since its previous meeting, the following application had been determined by the District Council:-

Approved

- (a) 22/01029/HHFUL 4 Goldpits – 2 storey side and rear extension with single storey rear extension following demolition of existing garage and conservatory.

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

Chairman.