

# WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 12th June 2023 at the Parish Centre, Warboys.

## **PRESENT**

Councillor G C M Willis, Chairman

Councillors R J Dykstra, D W England, D R A Fabb, Ms L A Gifford, J Land, J A Parker, Mrs C L Sproats, Dr S C Withams and Mrs A R Wyatt.

## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J M Cole, Ms M L Morrow, A Ntuk, P S Potts and Mrs S J Wilcox, County Councillor S J Corney and District Councillors Mrs A E Costello and Ms C A Lowe.

## **12/23 MINUTES**

Upon being moved by Councillor Land and seconded by Councillor Dykstra, the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15th May 2023 were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

## **13/23 MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

No interests were declared by Members in respect of items appearing on the agenda.

## **14/23 MATTERS ARISING**

The Committee considered the following matters arising from the Minutes of its meeting held 15th May 2023 –

### **(a) Planning Enforcement**

Further to Minute No. 09/23, the Clerk reported that he had been advised by the District Council's Planning Enforcement team that a planning contravention notice was being served in the case of Elderberry Farm, First Turf Fen Drove. An application for the siting of a mobile home had been refused in 2021 but the caravan was still situated on the land and appeared to be inhabited.

### **(b) Call for Sites**

Further to Minute No. 10/23, the Clerk confirmed that a submission had been made in response to the District Council's Call for Sites consultation for an allocation of land south of the Sports Field for an extension of the field.

**(c) Planning Training**

Arising from Minute 10/23, those Members who had attended the District Council's recent presentations to explain more about the Local Plan Update and Issues Engagement paper commented on the information that they gained from those meetings.

**15/23 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 19th June 2023 included a recommendation for the refusal of planning application 22/01983/FUL for the proposed conversion of shop units to a dwelling and roof extension to create first floor at 18 High Street. The application had been recommended for approval by the Parish Council and the Clerk drew attention to works carried out recently at 30 High Street to convert a shop to part of the dwelling without planning permission.

**RESOLVED**

that Councillor Willis be authorised to attend the meeting of the Development Management Committee to speak in support of the Parish Council's recommendation for approval of the application.

(Councillor England declared a non-statutory disclosable interest in the above matter as he was an acquaintance of the applicant for planning permission. He left the room and took no part in the discussion and voting thereon.)

**16/23 APPLICATIONS**

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

**RESOLVED**

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

- (a) 23/00843/HHFUL 8 Knowles Avenue – Erection of single storey extension.**

that the District Council be recommended to approve the application on the grounds that it complies with the Development Plan.

**17/23 DETERMINATIONS**

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

**Approved**

- (a) 22/01926/OUT Land at Fenton Field Far, Bencroft Lane - Application for outline permission with some matters reserved (Appearance, Layout, Scale) for residential development of 10 dwellings and access

**Refused**

- (b) 22/01755/FUL Fenside Caravan Park, Puddock Road – Change of use of touring caravan site to a mixed touring and static caravan site and resiting of existing manager’s caravan and extension of seasonal opening times.

**18/23 HUNTINGDONSHIRE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE – ISSUES ENGAGEMENT PAPER**

Members considered a report by the Clerk (copies of which had been circulated) regarding the Issues Engagement consultation paper published by the District Council as part of the update of the Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036. The paper had posed over 100 questions on matters relating to the content of the updated Local Plan and suggested responses were contained in the Clerk’s report to those questions that were relevant to Warboys.

The Clerk also drew attention to a request by Colne Parish Council which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting, calling for the provision of a new secondary school in the St Ives/Ramsey area as the existing schools were at capacity and unable to cope with additional growth.

**RESOLVED**

that the responses to the Issues Engagement consultation paper contained in the Clerk’s report be endorsed and submitted to the District Council, together with support for the creation of an additional secondary school in the area.

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

**Chairman.**