

WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee** held on 10th July 2023 at the Parish Centre, Warboys.

PRESENT

Councillor G C M Willis, Chairman

Councillors D W England, D R A Fabb, Ms L A Gifford, J Land, Ms M L Morrow, A Ntuk, P S Potts, 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, R J Dykstra, J A Parker and Mrs S J Wilcox and District Councillors Mrs A E Costello and Ms C A Lowe.

19/23 MINUTES

Upon being moved by Councillor Dr Withams and seconded by Councillor Potts, the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12th June 2023 were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

20/23 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

21/23 MATTERS ARISING

The Committee considered the following matters arising from the Minutes of its meeting held 12th June 2023 –

(a) Planning Enforcement

Further to Minute No. 14/23(a), the Clerk reported that he had received no further updates from the District Council's Planning Enforcement team with regard to the potential unauthorised development that had been reported to them in the Parish. Members were informed that a further case would be brought to the attention of the Enforcement team in respect of Croftlands at Fenside Road where planning permission had been refused previously for a temporary mobile home but there were now a number of units present on site.

(b) Call for Sites

Further to Minute No. 14/23(b), the Clerk reported on discussions that he and Councillor Parker had had with officers from the District Council's Local Plan team at a recent town and parish council event hosted by that authority. The Planning Officers had explained that sites would only be included in the Local Plan Update if there was a realistic chance of them being delivered during the timescale of the Plan. In response, the Officers had been reminded of the shortage of provision for

formal outdoor sports in the village and that the allocation of a site for an extension of the Sports Field in the Update was the only potential chance of additional land being obtained for sports activities.

(c) District Council Development Management Committee

Arising from Minute 15/23, the Chairman reported that he had attended the meeting of the District Council's Development Management Committee held on 19th June 2023 to speak in support of the Parish Council's recommendation in support 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. However, the application had been refused by the Committee as a change of use had not been granted prior to the premises having been purchased by the current owners. It would therefore be necessary for them to demonstrate that the premises could not be sold for commercial purposes before re-applying for a change of use.

(d) Huntingdonshire Local Plan Update – Issues Engagement Paper

Further to Minute No. 18/23, the Clerk reported that the Parish Council's comments on the Issues Engagement Paper had been conveyed to the District Council, although this had been a somewhat laborious process as each question in the document had had to be answered individually.

22/23 DISTRICT COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee was informed that there were no matters on the agenda for the meeting of the District Council's Development Management Committee to be held on 17th July that affected the Parish.

23/23 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) 23/00648/FUL Cherry Lodge, Puddock Road – Retrospective application for a new 4 bed dwelling (following planning approval 21/01655/FUL for the conversion of a disused agricultural building to form one dwelling)**

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

24/23 DETERMINATIONS

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

Approved

- (a) 23/00663/HHFUL 63 Ramsey Road – Proposed link extension between former garage and dwelling with conversion of garage to form living accommodation

Refused

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

25/23 RESTORATION OF LANDFILL SITE

Members were informed that an application had been made for an amendment of planning application FMW/19/073 for a further extension of time until the end of December 2023 to complete the restoration of the landfill site. The County Council had invited the Parish Council's comments and while expressing frustration at yet another request for an extension of time, Members acknowledged that it would be fruitless to recommend refusal of the application as the site needed to be finally closed.

26/23 ENVAR COMPOSTING, WOODHURST

Following the refusal of planning permission for major development at the Envar Composting site at Woodhurst, the Clerk informed Members that the company had written to all those town and parish councils that had commented on the application to inform of the company's intention to apply for permission for a proposed waste transfer station and biomass buildings at the site. The company had stressed that this would not involve any increase in the throughput of waste material currently processed at the site, nor any change in the current level of traffic movements to and from the site.

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

Chairman.