

Flitwick Town Council

Minutes of the 341st Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 8th October 2020 at the Rufus Centre

Open Forum
There were no items.

Committee Members Present :- Councillor J Dann
Councillor P Dodds (Chairman)
Councillor P Earles
Councillor D Toinko (Sub)
Councillor A Snape

Also in Attendance :- Amenities Officer

2712 To note declaration of interest on Agenda Items

Cllr Toinko decalred a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 6.4.

2713 To Accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Platt and Cllr Shaw.
No apologies for absence had been recieved from Cllr Halligan.

2714 Chairman's Announcements

There were none.

2715 Minutes

All Members agreed the minutes were a true recording of the meeting held on 17th September 2020.

2716 Matter Arising

There were no items.

2717 Planning applications for consideration

2717- 1	20/03080/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-	c/o Blueprint Architectural	Date Received :-	17/09/2020
	Location :-	Lnd at rear of 48 Elmwood Cres Flitwick Beds MK45 1LH	Date Returned :-	08/10/2020
	Proposal :	Erection of proposed 2 storey dwelling.		
	Observations :	FTC - Object 1. Overdevelopment of the land. Vote: all in favour		

2717- 2	20/03093/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-	Mr Michael Dunn	Date Received :-	17/09/2020
	Location :-	9 Hinksley Road Flitwick Beds MK45 1HH	Date Returned :-	08/10/2020
	Proposal :	Retrospective: Formation of top floor flat		
	Observations :	FTC - Support Vote: all in favour		

2717- 3	20/03138/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-	Paul Smetham	Date Received :-	17/09/2020
	Location :-	8 Orchard Way Flitwick Beds MK45 1LF	Date Returned :-	08/10/2020
	Proposal :	Rear single storey flat roof extension.		
	Observations :	FTC - Support Vote: all in favour		

2717- 4	20/03357/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-	Mr & Mrs Bezati	Date Received :-	17/09/2020
	Location :-	21 Townfield Road Flitwick Beds MK45 1JE	Date Returned :-	08/10/2020
	Proposal :	Proposed single storey rear extension.		
	Observations :	FTC - Support Members note that on a previous planning application for this address, the Planning Officer commented on the length of development. This application exceeds that length even more. Vote: all in favour		

2718 To note planning decisions from Central Bedfordshire

Planning Decisions from CBC were noted.

2719 Correspondence received

Members noted the executive summary from the CPRE Bedfordshire regarding the planning reforms. The Chairman advised that at a previous meeting the committee decided against submitting a response to the MHCLG Planning Consultations and felt it was more appropriate for CBC to do this. Cllr Toinko asked if CBC had objected to the consultations. The Chairman commented that at the current time this was unknown however the question could be raised to ward Members at full Town Council. Members agreed a response should be submitted to the consultations in line with the comments from the CPRE Bedfordshire summary.

It was RECOMMENDED that a response to the MHCLG Planning Consultations be submitted in line with the comments from the Executive Summary from CPRE Bedfordshire. Vote: all in favour.

The Amenities Officer commented that planning application CB/20/02736/FULL, Flitwick Railway Station, had been called in to the Development Management Committee due to take place on 14th October 2020. Cllr Earles agreed to attend this meeting and speak on behalf of the Town Council.

Cllr Dann asked why the Town Council no longer received notification of enforcement cases. The Amenities Officer advised that CBC had rewritten their enforcement plan which included only notifying ward councillors when an enquiry was about a site in their ward. Town and parish councils would not routinely be notified of every case in their area but would let them know if something arised that appeared to have wider public significance. Members suggested asking Ward Councillors to forward them onto the Town Council.

2720 Highways Matters

The Chairman advised that during a Cllr Surgery at the Market he was approached by a resident from Maulden Road who had concerns surrounding speeding issues within Kings Road, Station Road and Maulden Road. The Chairman suggested progressing a speedwatch scheme in Flitwick. It was RECOMMENDED that a speedwatch scheme in Flitwick be progressed. Vote: all in favour.

The Chairman advised that the next Highways meeting was due to take place on 2nd November and that it would be a good idea to have a walkabout before this date. Cllr Earles, Dann and Toinko wished to take part. The Chairman would liaise directly with Members to arrange a suitable date.

Cllr Dann commented that he had been made aware that Ringway Jacobs offer 2 days volunteering time a month to charities who would benefit using their resources such as resurfacing car parks etc. Cllr Dann asked Members to have a think of any local charities who may be able to benefit from the

scheme.

2721 Neighbourhood Plan

Members noted the report from the Town Clerk. The Chairman advised that producing a Neighbourhood Plan was a very long process which would involve community participation with sufficient knowledge. Cllr Dann commented that more information was required with regards to the legal strength of a Neighbourhood Plan. Members felt that due to the size of the project and what it would involve including staff time and finances, it should be referred to full Town Council with the intention of setting up a working party to progress.

The Chairman suggested visiting other authorities who have a Neighbourhood Plan and then present findings to Town Council. Cllr Dann suggested that if this was to take place it would be useful to visit authorities within CBC.

Members agreed to defer making a decision on progressing a Neighbourhood Plan at this time based on various other matters the Town Council were dealing with at the current time including the Asset Review, Staff Review and where it sits within the Council, all of which could have an impact on the decision made.

2722 Questions

There were no questions.

The Meeting closed at : 9.15pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :- Flitwick Town Council