

Flitwick Town Council

Minutes of the 342nd Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 29th 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 M Platt (Vice Chairman)
Councillor R Shaw

Also in Attendance :- Amenities Officer

2723 To note declaration of interest on Agenda Items

None.

2724 To Accept Apologies for Absence

No apologies received from Cllr Halligan.

2725 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman acknowledged that he had not yet had chance to arrange a walkabout around the Town for the Highways meeting but would hope to get this done asap.

2726 Minutes

All Members agreed the minutes were a true recording of the meeting held on 8th October 2020.

2727 Matter Arising

None.

2728 Planning applications for consideration

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| 2728- 1 | 19/00289/REG | Plot Ref :- | Type :- | OUT |
| | Applicant Name :- | Central Bedfordshire Council | Date Received :- | 22/02/2019 |
| | Location :- | Land off Fordfield Rd Fordfield Rd Steppingley MK45 XXX | Date Returned :- | 15/03/2019 |
| | Proposal : | Proposed new crematorium and ancillary facilities incorporating floral tribute and book of remembrance building, together with new site access/access road, car parking and service yard. New facility within newly landscaped setting, incorporating landscaped buffers, sculpted mound, footpath network, new lake/balancing pond and gardens of remembrance. Amendment - Revised siting of the building, by approximately 5 metres within the site. | | |
| | Observations : | FTC - Object (Vote - all in favour) Members objected to the amendments on this application due to the original objections below. Members supported the objections made by the CPRE and Steppingley Parish Council. FTC - Object (unanimous). Main Reasons: The unnecessary use of greenbelt land. Location not appropriate. Road junction would be dangerous. Implications for worsening traffic congestion through Flitwick. Alternative sites are | | |

available and should be considered. . The proposed design of the building is incongruous and monolithic.

The members were keen to establish the reason why other sites were not being proposed as this was part of the questioning from public consultations. A letter would be sent to CBC to ask this question.

See attached appendix for residents' views.

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| 2728- 2 | 20/00585/TRE | Plot Ref :- | Type :- | TRE |
| | Applicant Name :- | Mrs Alison Bowerbank | Date Received :- | 08/10/2020 |
| | Location :- | 37 Salisbury Road Flitwick Beds MK45 1UD | Date Returned :- | 29/10/2020 |
| | Proposal : | Works to tree protected by a Preservation Order: English Oak (T1), to raise crown to 5m and remove, thin out and remove deadwood to MB/TPO/01/00027 (T4). | | |
| | Observations : | FTC - Support Vote: all in favour | | |

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| 2728- 3 | 20/02015/FUL | Plot Ref :- | Type :- | FULL |
| | Applicant Name :- | Mrs Claire Briars | Date Received :- | 08/10/2020 |
| | Location :- | 5 Osprey Road Flitwick Beds MK45 1RU | Date Returned :- | 29/10/2020 |
| | Proposal : | Erect a carport (retrospective). | | |
| | Observations : | FTC - Support Vote: all in favour | | |

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| 2728- 4 | 20/03100/FUL | Plot Ref :- | Type :- | FULL |
| | Applicant Name :- | Saint Gobain Weber Ltd | Date Received :- | 08/10/2020 |
| | Location :- | Dickens House Enterprise Way Flitwick MK45 5BY | Date Returned :- | 29/10/2020 |
| | Proposal : | Removal of existing roof for a new twin skin steel profiled insulated system. | | |
| | Observations : | FTC - Support Vote - all in favour | | |

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| 2728- 5 | 20/03419/FUL | Plot Ref :- | Type :- | FULL |
| | Applicant Name :- | Mr Michael Barrett | Date Received :- | 08/10/2020 |
| | Location :- | 6 Heron Road Flitwick Beds MK45 1ND | Date Returned :- | 29/10/2020 |
| | Proposal : | Demolition of conservatory and erect single storey rear extension. | | |
| | Observations : | FTC - Support Vote: all in favour | | |

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| 2728- 6 | 20/03479/FUL | Plot Ref :- | Type :- | FULL |
| | Applicant Name :- | Mr & Mrs Harris | Date Received :- | 08/10/2020 |
| | Location :- | 9 Pilgrims Close Flitwick Beds MK45 1UL | Date Returned :- | 29/10/2020 |
| | Proposal : | Single storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear conservatory. | | |
| | Observations : | FTC - Support | | |
| | Vote: | all in favour | | |

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| 2728- 7 | 20/03648/FUL | Plot Ref :- | Type :- | FULL |
| | Applicant Name :- | Mrs Charlie Brown | Date Received :- | 08/10/2020 |
| | Location :- | 23 Durham Close Flitwick Beds MK45 1UR | Date Returned :- | 29/10/2020 |
| | Proposal : | Single and two storey rear extension. | | |
| | Observations : | FTC - Support | | |
| | Vote: | all in favour | | |

2729 To note planning decisions from Central Bedfordshire

Members noted the planning decisions from CBC.

2730 Correspondence received

1. CBC advised that the appeal for application CB/20/00949/FULL was complete. The decision against this appeal had been received as 'Planning Appeal Dismissed'.
 2. CBC advised that the appeal for application CB/20/01179/FULL was complete. The decision against this appeal had been received as 'Allowed with Conditions'.

2731 Highways Matters

The Chairman advised that the next Highways meeting was due to take place on 2nd November. The Chairman had attended the Market and spoke to several residents who had raised Highway concerns and these would be raised at the Highways meeting.
 Cllr Shaw asked who's responsibility the tree growth over major roads was, the Chairman advised that this would be CBC.

2732 Members to note the 'Our Travel Charter' document

Members noted the report.

2733 Members to discuss writing to CBC regarding Enforcement Plan

Members discussed the response from CBC as to why the Town Council were no longer receiving enforcement notifications.
 It was RECOMMENDED to write to CBC regarding the Enforcement Plan, reasons for stopping notifications being sent and if this could be re-instated. (Vote - all in favour)

2734 Parking Issues

Members discussed the Officer report in relation to the Station Interchange Scheme. Members felt that due to COVID parking requirements would not be at such high demand for the foreseeable future. Cllr Shaw commented that the opening of Wixmas Station would also help ease the need for parking. The Chairman agreed to discuss this further within the Highways Meetings.

2735 Questions

Cllr Shaw asked for an update on the objection recently received from Tesco in relation to the Aldi application. Cllr Dann commented that no further information had been received however it seemed a normal procedure for business purposes only.

The Meeting closed at : 9.00pm

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| Signed : | Chairman | Date: |
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On behalf of :- Flitwick Town Council