

Flitwick Town Council

Minutes of the 359th Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 28th October 2021.

Open Forum

There were no items.

Committee Members Present :- Councillor Chacko
Councillor P Dodds (Chairman)
Councillor P Earles
Councillor J Gleave (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Hodges
Councillor M Platt
Councillor R Shaw

Also in Attendance :- Cllr G Mackey (CBC Ward Cllr)
Environmental Services Officer

2905 To note declaration of interest on Agenda Items

Cllr G Mackey declared an interest in Agenda Item 06.4 Planning Application CB/21/04300/REG as he is a CBC Ward Councillor.

2906 To Accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Roberts.

2907 Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

2908 Minutes

Members approved and adopted the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th October 2021.

2909 Matters Arising

1) Speedwatch

Cllr R Shaw had submitted his paperwork for Speedwatch and was waiting for feedback. Cllr G Mackey had received feedback from PC Juliette Wright suggesting it would be good to liaise further on speeding and other related issues.

2) Ward Councillors' attendance at Planning Meetings

Cllr G Mackey suggested it would be practical for Ward Cllrs to take turns in attending the Planning Meetings and that they would agree amongst themselves who would attend.

3) Planning Training

Cllr J Gleave had emailed the trainer and would follow up regarding dates for training.

4) Appeal on Planning Application 41-47 Coniston Road

Members asked for confirmation that the Planning Committee's views had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consideration at the appeal.

2910 Planning applications for consideration

2910- 1	21/00512/TRE	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	TRE
	Applicant Name :- TBC		Date Received :-	07/10/2021
	Location :- 10 Woburn Close Flitwick Beds MK45 1TE		Date Returned :-	28/10/2021
	Proposal :	Works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order: TPO/MB/76/00007 (G1) Lime trees x 2 reduce crowns to previous reduction points.		
	Observations :	Flitwick Town Council raise No Objection to this application.		

2910- 2	21/04178/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-	Mr Martyn Hall	Date Received :-	07/10/2021
	Location :-	Lnd 2 rear 39-41 Dunstable Rd Flitwick Beds MK45 1HP	Date Returned :-	28/10/2021
	Proposal :	Erection of two detached dwellings.		
	Observations :	Flitwick Town Council OBJECT to this application on the grounds of Overdevelopment.		
		Members also raised concern regarding adequate highways space for HGV vehicles to access and turn should the proposed application be approved.		

2910- 3	21/04253/VOC	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	VOC
	Applicant Name :-	Mr L Fehr	Date Received :-	07/10/2021
	Location :-	10 Tythe Close Flitwick Beds MK45 1LE	Date Returned :-	28/10/2021
	Proposal :	Variation of condition number 11 of planning permission CB/21/01804/FULL (Extend and convert the existing dwelling into two dwellings) To change the approved ground floor plan to cover the increase in size of plot 2		
	Observations :	Flitwick Town Council raise NO OBJECTION to this application.		

2910- 4	21/04300/REG	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	RM
	Applicant Name :-	CBC Housing Services	Date Received :-	07/10/2021
	Location :-	Land on Hinsley Road Flitwick Beds MK45	Date Returned :-	28/10/2021
	Proposal :	Construction of one two bedroom bungalow complete with new access crossover, on site parking and associated landscaping.		
	Observations :	Members observed that this site was previously designated as Allotments Land and that a Change of Use may be required prior to any future developments.		
		Flitwick Town Council raise NO OBJECTION to this application SUBJECT TO clarification as to whether this site is designated as Allotments Land which would require a Change of Use prior to residential development.		

2910- 5	21/04336/FUL	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	FULL
	Applicant Name :-	Mr Pete Cole	Date Received :-	07/10/2021
	Location :-	34 Truro Gardens Flitwick Beds MK45 1UH	Date Returned :-	28/10/2021
	Proposal :	Single storey rear extension.		
	Observations :	Flitwick Town Council raise NO OBJECTION to this application.		

2911 To receive any additional planning applications

There were no additional planning applications.

2912 Correspondence received

There was no correspondence received.

2913 Neighbourhood Plan Feasibility

Members noted the date and time of the working group meeting: 7:30pm on Tuesday 9th November at

the Rufus Centre.

The Chair requested that an invitation be sent to the Town Clerk of Rushden Town Council to attend the working group meeting to share experiences from a similar sized town.

2914 To note planning decisions from Central Bedfordshire

Members noted the Planning Decisions from Central Bedfordshire Council.

2915 Highways Meetings

It was noted that Flitwick Town Councillors, Staff and Ward Councillors had been good at attending meetings but that it was often a struggle for CBC Officers to attend. Meetings had been shared with Steppingley Parish Council to make best use of CBC Officer time.

It was suggested that meetings could be held once per quarter and to invite Steppingley representatives to attend, with formal correspondence being sent to CBC following the meeting with a list of any outcomes or priority actions required. Sending a formal list will enable follow up action if needed.

A list of actions and priorities would need to be provided to CBC in time for consideration for inclusion in the next annual maintenance plan which is currently being prepared. A document including photographs to show defects would help.

It was suggested that walkabouts would be a good way to identify problems and issues, with priorities ranked on a scale of 1 to 10. The Chair, Cllr P Dodds volunteered to provide a list of streets or maps for each Member. Cllr J Gleave volunteered to compile the report to CBC based on observations from Committee Members.

It was RESOLVED that Planning Committee Members would do individual walkabouts to note highways defects and priorities, with each Member allocated an area of town to review.

The following issues were noted:

- Hinksley Road pavements are in poor condition and a risk.
- Highways England Route Strategy. Although Flitwick is not on a HE route, the town is affected if there is an issue on the M1 due to the diversion routes.

2916 Questions

There were no questions.

The Meeting closed at : 20:44

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :- _____ Flitwick Town Council