

THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21ST JULY 2008

PRESENT: Mr J F Fisher (Chairman)
Mrs O. M. Campbell
Mr D E Eley (Vice Chairman)
Miss S Lawn
Mr S Freeman-Pannett
Mr D R C Spooner
Mr E A Newberry

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S. J. Ford, Town Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2008 were approved and signed.

PLANNING DECISIONS: The list of recent planning decisions was noted.

URGENT MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIRMAN: None.

PLANNING ITEMS RAISED BY RESIDENTS: Members of the public were present to raise their concerns regarding 2008077834 Desborough Way, Erection of radio aerials (Retrospective) and 1 Harvey Lane, Norwich. Residents of Thorpe End expressed strong views against the proposed housing development at Brook Farm and considered that the road that already had received planning permission and was required to be built when a specified level of development had been carried out should now be built. They considered that additional housing would be better located at other locations such as Rackheath and Acle and that would help to sustain existing community facilities that could already be under threat.

URGENT TOWN MATTERS: None.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The contents of the monthly list of enforcement action being taken by the District Council was noted.

BROADS AUTHORITY

Parish and Town Councils were being contacted and asked if they would be prepared to receive consultations via email. It was noted that the Government would require this in due course. It was **AGREED** to request that paper copies continued to be provided to the Town Council until such time that the Government ruling on a paperless working environment was imposed.

BROADLAND HOUSING and PLANNING FORUM

Information on the forum was noted. Miss S. C. Lawn would attend the meeting on 24th September 2008 at Sprowston Manor Hotel.

NCAPTC BOUNDARY REVIEW

Six Town Council members had indicated that they would attend the meeting that would take place at 7.30pm on 30 July 2008 at County Hall.

GRIFFIN RAILWAY BRIDGE, YARMOUTH ROAD

Information that Network Rail had requested, and been set, further information on the poor state of maintenance on the bridge was noted.

BROOK FARM

Comments made by residents of Thorpe End had been noted and had raised a number of concerns particularly with regard to the large increase in vehicle movements that would arise locally from the proposed development and existing permission for substantial building development in Sprowston. Many other issues had arisen from the proposals and there were concerns that some residents who might be most affected had not been informed of the public consultations that the developers had held.

It was **RESOLVED** to request Mr P. Kirby, Senior Planner at the District Council be invited to a joint meeting with Postwick, Thorpe End and Rackheath to see what the planners current views on the proposals and how they sat in relation to the current Local Plan.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20080778 34 Desborough Way Erection of radio aerials (Retrospective)

Strong objections. The aerials are unneighbourly and out of character with the surrounding area. There are concerns regarding the visual impact and height of the aerials, poor construction and the visual impact of the brightly coloured cables. There are no objections to the two white aerials.

20080918 20 Furze Road Alterations to roof to form rooms in roof including dormer windows

There are objections to the side dormers. The south facing window should be fitted with obscure glass.

20080980 16 Hillside Close Two storey side/rear extensions

No objections.

20080846 38 Broom Avenue Single storey rear extension (Revised proposal)

No objections.

20080851 38 Hillcrest Road Replacement conservatory to rear.

No objections.

20080963 25 Gordon Avenue Conservatory to rear and new pitched roofs over existing flat roofs

No objections.

BA/2008/0190 Town House Hotel Erection of four wall signs externally illuminated by existing lights. One wall sign externally illuminated by spotlights. One projecting sign externally illuminated by existing lights. Two wall signs non illuminated and two post signs non illuminated.

No objections to the revised proposals provided that there was no overall increase in the number of signs. Consideration should be given to light pollution and any illumination permitted should be from above and be directed downwards. Consideration should be given to the use of low energy units on the illuminated signs

such as LED lighting. Any concerns raised by the Conservation Officer would be supported.

BA/2008/0191 Town House Hotel

Replacement signage to a listed building

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08/00667/F 1 Harvey Lane

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 4 no. apartments including means of access and parking

Strong objections. Highway objections put forward to the previous application for this site have not been met by this new proposal. The access road exits in a very dangerous position close to the Harvey Lane junction with Yarmouth Road and is not suitable to carry the increased vehicle movements that would arise from this development. There have been a number of road accidents at this junction; the most recent causing a vehicle to be written off. Front and rear windows would overlook neighbouring properties and impinge on their privacy.

Date of Next Meeting – 11th August 2008