

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2017**

Present Councillor Mrs. S. Crew (SC) (in the chair)

Councillors: Mrs. E. Ballard JP, Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), C. Green (CG), J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), G.E. Horton (GEH), R. Jackson (RJ), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT) and Mrs. P.F. Watson

Councillors not present: D. Hobson (DH), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. J. Speed (JS), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), D.E. Wing (DEW)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley, her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips and two members of the public were also present.

562. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors DH, AL, JS, LMS and DEW.

563. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman had no remarks to make.

564. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received as follows:

- a. Cllr. DJEH – PA1 – as an acquaintance.
- b. Cllr. Mrs. MO – PA3 – as her granddaughter is an employee at Oxfam.
- c. Cllr. DT – PA7 – as the applicant is a customer of his.
- d. Cllr. EB – PA7 – pecuniary interest – as a member and shareholder of Louth Golf Club.
- e. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – agenda items 6 and 7 – as a member of ELDC.
- f. Cllr. RJ – PA1 – as a friend of the tenant.
- g. Cllr. Mrs. PFW – any item from or relating to ELDC – as a member of ELDC.

565. Council Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SC, seconded by Cllr. JG it was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th March 2017.

566. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on.

567. Applications received by the Local Planning Authority

The Committee considered the applications listed in the schedule (PA/Schedule 04-11-17) and **RESOLVED** as follows:

- a. 1) N/105/00214/17 – 13E Cornmarket – confirmation of plot and extension to comment to be sought. Cllr. RJ left the room while this item was discussed.
- b. 2) N/105/00378/17 – Land off Legbourne Road - Louth Town Council objected to this application on the following grounds: A recent public enquiry dismissed an appeal on large-scale plans for this area of the town, which is now being subject to piecemeal applications with a similar cumulative impact. This creeping development whilst smaller is not sustainable, it being an edge of town development and an appreciable distance from the town centre and facilities and at the same time would generate large amounts of traffic that would exacerbate problems at pinch points en-route to the town and in the town centre itself. There are known flooding issues in this area which have not been resolved to date and there is a question mark about the current standard and future maintenance of Stewton Beck. The ecological survey does not contain the full information required. As the 5 year housing supply for the district has recently been reached it is not believed that the planning

authority are required to consider this additional capacity. There are also many sites in Louth on which there is existing permission granted that have not yet been brought forward. It has been requested that the District Councillor calls this application in to ensure that it is considered by the Planning Committee.

- c. 3) N/105/00386/17 - Louth Town Council objected to this application as unsuitable on an important Listed Building within the Conservation Area.
- d. 6) N/105/00540/17 - Louth Town Council objected to this application on the following grounds: The constrictions of the site by the river and existing properties and the maximisation of quantity has led to this development being too dense and has created serious overlooking issues for 4 of the properties with less than the required distances window to window being achieved. The construction of dwellings at this location will cause a serious threat to the wildlife and ecology of the area from pollution, loss of habitat and disturbance. There are known to be bat colonies in the area and a bat survey has not been provided. There will be a cumulative traffic impact with other recently approved developments on Eastfield Road. There are known unresolved flooding issues along this road and there is a danger that development on this site will transfer the flooding impact onto other neighbouring properties. Some of the land also falls within a medium flood risk from the river. There are plans to reinvigorate the canal as a green corridor through Louth and the development could pose a risk to this boost to the local economy through tourism.
- e. 7) N/105/02500/16 – Cllr. Mrs. EB JP left the room during discussion of this item.

568. Proposed work to trees

The Committee noted the following proposed work to trees with no comments:

- a. Conservation Area - Riverdale, Love Lane – T1-T3 Common Holly, Crown reduction to 8m high and 4m spread, reshape for road and path clearance.
- b. TPO – 76 Kenwick Road, T9 Lime reduce height to 18m and spread to 10-12m and thin canopy – large pieces of deadwood over play house.
- c. Conservation Area – 3 Ugate - T1 Plum – reduce height to 6m and spread to 6m and T2 Silver Birch reduce height to 8m. No reason given.

569. Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 25th April 2017.

The Meeting Closed at 8.51pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Dated _____