

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016**

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

**Councillors:** Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), J. Garrett (JG), C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), G.E. Horton JP (GEH), D. Hobson (DH), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT) and D.E. Wing (DEW)

**Councillors not present:** A.D.C. Austin (ADCA), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB) and Mrs. P.F. Watson

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

**Public Forum:**

- A gentleman spoke on behalf of the taxi drivers of the town, objecting to the normal taxi rank being closed off during town events requiring a road closure in that area with no temporary arrangements being made and no signage being provided. He also objected to the traffic wardens ticketing taxis who were unable to park with the whole of their vehicle within the taxi rank lines and to ELDC vans being given special treatment and being allowed to park anywhere without getting a ticket. It was agreed that this should be a future agenda item.
- The Chairman of Louth Old Boys Football Club spoke regarding planning applications currently live regarding the Park Avenue Football Club and the Louth Athletics Club (LAC). He wished to give Councillors some background information to aid them in any decisions they might make. He explained that 23 teams were being run from the Pavilion on London Road and they were running of room. He reported that he had approached LAC some years ago and asked if they could use some of the room at their site. He had then approached Mr. S. Grantham with the idea, who had applied for relocation of facilities at a minimum level 7 standard (a change to the (disused) Park Avenue facilities which were at a better, level 7 standard). He did not have a problem with this downgrading of facilities because he could not see any local teams playing at that level for at least 10 years.
- Councillor Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders reported that the In Bloom judging for Louth would take place on July 14<sup>th</sup>. She was looking for volunteers to help paint the benches in the town. She also opined that it was sad that some Councillors were not turning out to support the Mayor on Civic Sunday.

**78. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs DB and Mrs. PFW.

**79. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman remarked that the draft plan consultation would be discussed at the Area Forum on 7<sup>th</sup> July. As the Town Clerk was unable to attend it was proposed by Cllr. Mrs. EB, seconded by Cllr. CG and **RESOLVED** by a vote of the Committee that Cllr. Mrs. SC should attend in her place. Finally, the Chairman reported that a new application would be put in for the bungalow on Mount Pleasant as ELDC agreed with Town Council comments that the plans previously submitted were wrong.

**80. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations**

The following declarations of interest were declared:

- a. Cllr. RJ – item 7 – as a member of ELDC.
- b. Cllr. GEH – planning application 1 – as an acquaintance of the applicant.
- c. Cllr. DH – planning application 3 – as an acquaintance of the applicant.
- d. Cllr. Mrs. EB – planning application 1 and 3 – as a member of 1 and the President of 3.
- e. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – item 7 – as a member of ELDC.
- f. Cllr. AL – planning applications 1, 2, 3 and 4 – as an acquaintance of the applicants.
- g. Cllr. SC – planning application 3 – as an acquaintance of the applicant.

- h. Cllr. MO – planning application 3 – as her nephew is involved with the LAC.
- i. Cllr. DEW – planning application 3 – as an acquaintance of the applicant.

**81. Minutes**

Following a proposal by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. AL it was **RESOLVED** that the notes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 be approved as the Minutes.

**82. Town Clerk’s Report on Matters Outstanding**

The Town Clerk had nothing to report.

**83. Applications received by the Local Planning Authority**

The Committee considered applications listed in the schedule (PA/Schedule 06-28-16):

- a. N/105/01267 – Park Avenue Football Ground – Louth Town Council **OBJECT** on the grounds that the proposed downgrading of the imposed condition from a step 4 to a step 7 replacement ground does not meet the NPPF 74 requirement of the provision of an equivalent or better facility. Cllrs. GEH, AL and Mrs. EB abstained from the vote.
- b. To support all other applications.

**84. Planning Correspondence**

The Committee noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- a. Appeal Decision  
N/105/002271/15 – Cistercian Cottage – Appeal dismissed –benefits to rural community have not been adequately demonstrated.....relative lack of isolation in this particular case does not alter the conclusion....no special circumstances have been justified for the requirement for a dwelling in a rural area.

**85. Next Meeting**

The Committee noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 8pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)

Dated \_\_\_\_\_