

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE SESSIONS HOUSE, EASTGATE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 22nd AUGUST 2017**

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

Councillors: J. Garret (JG), C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), G.E. Horton (GEH), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), Mrs. J. Speed (JS), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT) and D.E. Wing (DEW)

Councillors not present: M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW), D. Hobson (DH), Mrs. E. Ballard (EB),

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

Members of the public spoke in the public forum, as follows:

- A gentleman enquired as to why the Town Council had sent its redundant furniture to Grantham to be sold and why they had not used a local firm? (This was discussed in the Community Resources Committee meeting later).
- A lady voiced her objections to the planning application for 480 Houses on land South East of Brackenborough Road.
- A gentleman voiced his objections to the planning application for 480 Houses on land South East of Brackenborough Road. He opined that because ELDC do not have a local plan in place Louth is vulnerable to applications in any location.
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- A gentleman from the group Keep Louth Special pledged £1,000 of the groups money to the Town Council, if they should need it, to help fight to keep the Cattle Market. The Council thanked the gentleman for attending and especially thanked Keep Louth Special for this.
- A lady spoke suggesting an increase in the number of bridleways in the area to assist riders reaching from one side of town to the other without having to use the roads. She opined that the Town has a lot of residents with an interest in equestrian pursuits and there are a number of businesses to support them. An increase in equestrian access via a change of use of footpaths to bridleways would benefit a wide section of the community and would reduce the risk to cars, riders and horses. It was agreed that this should be a future agenda item.

195. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. EB, Mrs. DB, DH, ML, Mrs. SEL, LMS, Mrs. PFW and FWPT who would be late.

196. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman had no remarks to make. Cllr. FWPT arrived.

197. Declarations of Interest

- a. Cllr. Mrs. MO – planning application 7.
- b. Cllr. CG – planning applications 2 and 6 as an acquaintance of the applicant and a friend of a doctor at James Street Surgery.
- c. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – agenda items 6, 7 and 8 – as a member of ELDC.
- d. Cllr. RJ – agenda item 7 – as a member of ELDC.
- e. Cllr. FWPT – agenda item 7 – as a member of ELDC.

198. Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr. DJEH, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. MO it was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2017.

199. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on.

200. Applications received by the Local Planning Authority

The Committee considered the applications listed in the schedule (PA/Schedule 08-22-17) and

RESOLVED as follows:

- a. N/092/01635/16 – Land South East of Brackenborough Road – LTC continued to object for all of the same reasons that had previously been submitted. This response relates to the addition of the provision of land for a school which it is felt will further exacerbate the traffic issues and pinch-points that already exist on local access roads. The housing density has only been reduced by 4% and Louth Town Council continues to reiterate that this size of development will negatively impact on the sustainability of the town and in particular on health services, emergency services, schooling and utilities networks. The impact of the additional transport documents will be discussed on 12th September 2017.
- b. N/105/01287/17 – 3 Brackenborough Road – LTC object to this application for safety reasons due to its proximity to the crossing.
- c. To support all other applications.

Cllr. GEH declared an interest in planning applications 2 as his granddaughters attend that dance school and 6 as James Street Surgery are his doctors.

201. Planning Correspondence

The Committee noted that the following notifications had been received:

a. Planning Decisions (Variances)

- i. N/105/00378/17 Legbourne Road – Chairman to speak on ELDC decision to approve planning application for 280 homes that LTC opposed.

202. Proposed Work to Trees

The Committee noted that the following proposed works to trees had been received and following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. JMS, seconded by Cllr. CG it was **RESOLVED** that the Committee should object as no reason for the work had been given and the work might damage the roots in turn damaging the integrity of the tree, which located on a riverbank, as it would be dangerous:

b. 36 Bridge Street

- i. T1 Sycamore, T2 Lime and T3 Lime - cut spread on southern side to 0m (from 5m) – no reason given

203. Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was Tuesday 12th September 2017.

The Meeting Closed at 7.51pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman)

Dated _____