

SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 6th April 2009

Present: Councillors N. Altoft, B. Billam, M. Brown, D. Capes and J. Fillingham, M. Brown (Clerk).

With no members of the public present, the meeting commenced at 7.01pm.

P1 2009/10 : To elect a Chairman for the meeting

In the absence of Councillor Rayner, proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed, it was **RESOLVED ; That Councillor Capes be elected Chairman for this meeting.**

P2 2009/10 : To receive and approve apologies for absence

An apology was received from Councillor Rayner, who is attending his son's birthday celebrations.

RESOLVED : To accept and approve the apology from Councillor Rayner.

P3 2009/10 : To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000

No declarations were made at this point.

P4 2009/10 : To approve notes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 2nd March 2009 as the Minutes of that meeting

RESOLVED: To approve the notes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 2nd March 2009, as circulated, as the Minutes. These were signed by the Chairman.

P5 2009/10 : To note that planning approval has been granted in relation to application 122029.

The Committee considered the recent e-mail received from the Planning Officer explaining why the Council had not been given the opportunity to consider revisions to this application made prior to approval being granted. As the Committee sees this as a potentially dangerous precedent, it

RESOLVED : To write to WLDC's Development Services Manager to request that the Council be given the opportunity to comment on all revisions to parish-based planning applications prior to determination being made.

P6 2009/10 : To consider what comments should be made to the planning authority in relation to the following application:

The Committee discussed the application and, at the conclusion of its deliberations,

RESOLVED: That the following observation be made to the planning authority:

123905 North Moor Farm, North Moor Road, Scotter – a planning application to retain use of a building as a shop selling equestrian products, tack and riding clothes and animal feeds.

Objection. The Clerk is to submit the following in support of the decision to object : "My Council objects to this application on the grounds of the vehicle access to and from the public highway. Whilst it notes that the applicant has proposed to alter the access by the removal of the current hedging, which should improve the sightlines for vehicles leaving the site, it is of the strong opinion that this alteration is inadequate to overcome its fears for road safety. The property itself is tight onto North Moor Road, at which point a speed limit of 60mph applies.

Initialed Chairman

The current access can only allow the passage of a single vehicle at any one time, such that a vehicle leaving the site would block the entrance to new visitors who would then be forced to stop on the main carriageway whilst waiting to turn in. (My Council would wish to remind the planning authority that this was the site of a fatal road collision some years previously.) Considerable engineering and bridging works (not proposed under this application) will be required to make the access safe.”

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.17pm.

Clerk:

Chairman:

Date: