

SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18th January 2010

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

With no members of the public present, the meeting commenced at 7.08pm.

P66 2009/10 : To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Brown who is attending an annual reunion meeting.

RESOLVED : To accept the apology from Councillor Brown.

P67 2009/10 : To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000

No interests were declared at this time.

P68 2009/10 : To approve notes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th December 2009 as the Minutes of that meeting

RESOLVED: To approve the notes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th December 2009, as circulated, as the Minutes. These were signed by the Chairman.

P69 2009/10 : To note that the Inspector has allowed the appeal against WLDC's decision to refuse outline planning permission for the erection of a bungalow on land to the rear of 2 Gravel Pit Road, Scotter

The Committee noted the Inspector's decision.

P70 2009/10 : To formally approve the comments made to the planning authority in relation to planning application 125284

Due to the inability to hold a formal meeting in early January as a result of weather conditions, the above application was initially discussed via e-mail and by telephone. Following receipt of comments from Councillors, the Clerk was charged by the Chairman to submit an objection as follows : "My Council objects strongly to any application to extend or enlarge this property as it solely represents the affordable housing provision within this part of The Rookery development. Whilst my Council may understand that a property can be regarded as "affordable" under the strict interpretation of the rules as long as it is placed on the market at a discount to its market value, it is vital that the spirit and intention behind the provision of affordable housing within developments is taken into account when planning decisions are being made. The Scotter Parish Housing Needs Survey clearly identified that parishioners in need of affordable housing were seeking two-bedroom accommodation. To allow this application (which will increase a two-bedroom bungalow into a substantial three-bedroomed property, with dressing room, seating area and en-suite to the master bedroom) would remove this home in perpetuity from the local definition of affordability and suggest that the Housing Needs Survey process is not taken into any consideration in the planning process, making it a completely redundant document despite the work that went into its production."

At this meeting, the Committee

RESOLVED : To formally approve the objection to application 125284 and the comments made in support of this decision.

Initialed Chairman

P71 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:

122088 1 Chestnut Close, Scotter – a retrospective planning application to retain a flat-roofed extension to an existing attached garage.

No objection/comment.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.18pm.

Clerk:

Chairman:

Date:

Initialed Chairman