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MINUTES

Planning Committee Meeting

Monday 20th March 2023 at 7.30pm

The School Room, Witnesham Baptist Church

1. **Present:** Mrs Shaw, Mr Hindle (Chair), Mr Barlow, Mr Burrows, Mr Collings and Mr Roots
Apologies for absence: Dr Nicol
2. **Councillors' declarations of interest:** None
3. **Minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2022** were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.
4. **ESC decisions received since the meeting of 13th December 2022:**
 - a) DC/22/3389/OUT Homeland House Ashbocking Road Swilland. PC "No Objections". ESC refused. **Clerk would circulate ESC Refusal Notice.**
 - b) DC/22/3087/FUL and DC/22/3088/LBC Low Farm Cockfield Hall Lane Witnesham. PC "No Objections". ESC permitted.
5. **Planning Applications for Consideration**
 - a) DC/23/0613/FUL **Nelson Farm Ashbocking Road B1078 Witnesham.** Use of land for stationing 4 holiday lodges. Chair gave an overview of the application and expressed concerns over the validation of the application. Ashbocking PC had been consulted as the site was close to the Ashbocking Parish boundary and their concerns were shared with the meeting.
After discussion, it was agreed to question the validation of the application as it lacked any detail of elevations or materials to be used for proposed holiday lodges, no proposals for access to the B1078, nor landscaping. For these reasons it was agreed to object to the application in it's current form.
 - b) DC/23/0720/FUL **Merivale Upper Street Witnesham.** Change of use from a 6 bedroom HMO to a 7 bedroom HMO. **After discussion it was agreed not to object, but to ask the Planning Authority to ensure that sufficient, safe, on the site car parking was provided for the increased accommodation.**
6. **Mow Hill Development – update** Chair reminded the meeting of a response email received from the case officer which had been circulated. The Committee agreed that the PC should go back to ESC to seek further clarity on the Public Open Space, S106 management, the field access and the path/PROW.

7. Issues with ESC Planning Department - update

A reply from Chris Bally, CEO, ESC to a complaint letter sent by Parish Council Chair, Dr Nicol had been received just before the meeting. This was scrutinised and points within about improving engagement and undertaking a review of the Planning Service was welcomed. **It was agreed that Chair would liaise with Dr Nicol over a reply to the correspondence and the possibility of rearranging the stalled meeting with ESC planning officers.**

8. East Suffolk Planning Alliance (ESPA) – update

It was agreed that Mrs Shaw, Mr Barlow and Mr Hindle would attend the next ESPA meeting at Grundisburgh on 25th March at staggered times. Clerk would confirm this and notify ESPA, plus ask for a copy of any response received by ESPA from Chris Bally. The main points of concern the PC had with ESC Planning service had been agreed in principle and would be added to the ESPA questionnaire and then submitted to them prior to the meeting on 25th.

9. Matters to be brought to the attention of the Planning Committee.

It was noted that the development of roadside structures alongside Hall Lane and possible encroachment had been omitted in error on this agenda. **This would be an agenda item for the next Committee meeting.**

Meeting closed at 8:42 p.m.



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