

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee of Foxton Parish Council

Held on 12th May 2017 at 6:00pm in the Parish Council Office.

Present: Malcolm Bore (chair), Simon Buggey, Liam Elliott, Caroline Ilott, Ron McCreery.

Apologies: None.

No members of the public were present.

Mr Bore welcomed Mrs Ilott to the planning committee.

Declarations of interest

See AOB.

Application S/1486/17/LB - 1 The Green, Foxton

This application is for installation of secondary double glazing panels to 16 windows. There will be no visible effect from the outside of the property.

The Parish Council recommend approval.

Appeal APP/W0530/W/17/3172316 – 38 High Street, Foxton

This is an appeal against the refusal of application S/2513/16/FL (proposed erection of a new two bedroom detached cottage on land beside 38 High Street, Foxton).

The planning committee felt that there was no change in our reasons for recommending refusal of the application, and that these should be re-emphasised in our recommendation to dismiss the appeal.

Foxton Parish Council strongly recommend dismissal of this appeal. We completely agree with the reasons for refusal of the application (namely, the cramped development within a very narrow plot) and the recommendations for refusal given in the delegation report for application S/2513/16/FL (by the Parish Council, the Landscape Officer, the Trees Officer, neighbouring residents, and the Delegation Officer herself).

The reasons for dismissal of this appeal have not fundamentally changed from the previous appeal on the same site (APP/W0530/W/15/3138229, for application S/1499/15/FL), as the size of the proposed dwelling and its proximity to no. 38 High Street are very similar to the previous application. The reasons for dismissal of this appeal are the same – firstly, the effect on the character and appearance of the area,

and secondly its effect on the living conditions of the occupiers at 38 High Street, having regard to light and privacy.

Since the application was submitted, the area at the front of the application site has been in use as a parking space for the owners of the shop. The total available space for parking at 38 High Street is not enough to provide parking for the owners of the shop, the residents of the flat above the shop, and an additional dwelling, which will result in some permanent on-road parking, in an already very congested area of the village.

For these reasons, the Parish Council recommend dismissal of the appeal.

Correspondence

Thriplow Grain Store – David Thompson at SCDC has replied to Mr Bore, apologising that they had held another pre-application meeting with Thriplow Farms but had not notified him. There is a meeting at Thriplow on the afternoon of Monday 15th May, which Mr Bore is unable to attend. He has asked Lydia Pravin, senior planning officer at SCDC, for a separate meeting to discuss the Parish Council's concerns.

Station Road – Mr McCreery is in the process of trying to arrange a meeting with Linda Harford, SCDC's Housing Portfolio Holder, about the proposed access to the development behind the Press cottages on Station Road.

Cemex – Ross Pow is in discussions with CCC regarding the movement of Cemex trains in the sidings, and has made some progress towards obtaining restrictions on when trains can be moved.

Reed Autos – Mr Bore has chased Alison Twyford at SCDC regarding a formal report from the Tree Officer regarding application S/3575/16/FL (retrospective planning permission for extension of commercial premises and removal of trees to make way for a car storage area).

AOB

(Mrs Illott declared an interest for this item, as she owns a property on Church View).

Laragh Homes, the developers of Church View, have asked for some testimonial quotes from the Parish Council indicating that they have shown an effective response to community needs and demand, and demonstrated sensitivity to the pre-existing environment and surrounding area. Since the development was a private development which the Parish Council has no connection to, the committee felt that we could not comment on it and should not be seen to be endorsing an individual developer. Mr Bore agreed to write back to Laragh Homes with this response.

The meeting closed at 6:40pm.