

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Hub, Mareham Road, Horncastle, Lincolnshire LN9 6PH on Thursday, 7th December, 2023 at 10.30 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Stephen Eyre (Chairman)
Councillor Alex Hall (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Sid Dennis, David Hall, Neil Jones, Sam Kemp, Steve McMillan, Kate Marnoch and Terry Taylor.

Councillor Terry Aldridge attended the Meeting as an Observer.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Booth	- Development Management Lead Officer
Michelle Walker	- Deputy Development Manager
Jane Baker	- Senior Planning Officer
Martha Rees	- Legal Representative
Lynda Eastwood	- Democratic Services Officer
Laura Allen	- Democratic Services Officer

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Richard Cunningham, Terry Knowles, Daniel McNally and Ruchira Yarsley.

It was noted that, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, notice had been given that Councillor Terry Taylor had been appointed to the Committee in place of Councillor Dick Edginton for this Meeting only.

48. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (IF ANY):

At this point in the Meeting, Members were invited to disclose any relevant interests. The following interests were disclosed:

- Councillors Sid Dennis and Stephen Eyre asked it be noted that they were Members of the Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board.
- Councillor Terry Taylor asked it be noted that in relation to Item 5, he was Ward Member and would remain in the meeting with an open mind.

49. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 November 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

50. UPDATE FROM PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillor Terry Aldridge, Vice-Chairman of Planning Policy Committee advised Members that at the previous Meeting held on 9 October 2023, there was a discussion on affordable housing on coasts, towns and rural areas. There was also a report and discussion on the 5 year housing supply.

51. S/046/01613/23:

Application Type: Full Planning Permission

Proposal: Planning Permission - Change of use of land for the siting of 4no. static caravans, 15no. touring caravan pitches and 14no. camping pitches, erection of an amenity block, erection of a storage/laundry building, change of use of building to 1no. holiday let and toilet facilities, provision of a play area and lighting and construction of internal roads (some works already completed).

Location: THE RED LION, FEN ROAD, EAST KIRKBY, SPILSBY, PE23 4DB

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Warman

Members received an application for full Planning Permission – Change of use of land for the siting of 4no. static caravans, 15no. touring caravan pitches and 14no. camping pitches, erection of an amenity block, erection of a storage/laundry building, change of use of building to 1no. holiday let and toilet facilities, provision of a play area and lighting and construction of internal roads (some works already completed) at The Red Lion, Fen Road, East Kirkby, Spilsby, PE23 4DB.

The application was referred for determination by the Planning Committee following a call-in request from the Ward Member Councillor Terry Taylor in response to public objections being raised at previous parish council meetings that he had attended.

The main planning issues were considered to be:

- Principle of development in this location;
- Impact on neighbours;
- Impact on character of area;
- Highway safety;
- Other matters (including Parish Council objection and drainage)

Members were referred to the additional information contained on page 1 of the Supplementary Agenda.

Jane Baker, Senior Planning Officer, detailed site and surroundings information to Members at Paragraph 2, together with the description of the proposal at Paragraph 3, pages 9 to 10 of the report refer.

Mr Brian Nowicki spoke on behalf of East Kirkby Parish Council.

Members were invited to put their questions to the speaker.

- A Member queried whether East Kirkby Parish Council was only objecting to the number of touring caravans. Mr Nowicki responded that it supported the original application for the number of touring caravans, but not the new application with the extra field on the East of the site.

Following which, the application was opened for debate.

- A Member queried whether there was any enforcement carried out on the site. The Senior Planning Officer confirmed that there was, however the planning application was trying to resolve the matters at the site, which included the applicant not complying with conditions 3, 4, 5 and 6 on the original planning approval. The Parish Council felt they were important conditions, and it was intended that the new proposal would have conditions attached to address the majority of the concerns.
- A Member considered that there was no reason to oppose the application.

Following which, the application was proposed for approval in line with officer recommendation.

- A Member queried whether there was a limit on how many touring caravans were allowed on the site. The Senior Planning Officer confirmed that Condition 6 outlined the limit,

which was 15 touring caravans, 4 static caravans and 14 camping pitches, including what was already approved on the original application, page 12 of the Agenda refers.

Following which, the application was seconded for approval in line with officer recommendation.

Upon being put to the vote for approval, the vote was carried.

Vote: 9 In favour 0 Against 0 Abstentions

RESOLVED:

That Outline Planning Permission be approved with the following conditions:

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52. APPEALS DECIDED:

The Appeals Decided were noted.

53. DELEGATED DECISIONS:

The Delegated Decisions were noted.

54. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next meeting was noted as Thursday 11 January 2024.

The Chairman thanked Angela Simmonds for her work with the Planning Committee over the last few years and wished her well for the future.

The Meeting closed at 10.53 am.