

MINUTES
OF A MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMITTEE

held on 6 September 2022

Present:

Cllr L M N Morales (Chairman)
Cllr T Aziz (Vice-Chair)

Cllr J Brown Cllr T G Spenser
Cllr P J T Graves

Also Present: Councillor D Roberts.

Absent: Councillors A J Boote, G T Cosnahan, S Dorsett, S M Oades and M A Whitehand.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 July 2022 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Boote, G Cosnahan, S Dorsett, S Oades and M Whitehand.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

4. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Urgent Business.

5. PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT APPEALS

The Committee received a report on the planning appeals lodged and the appeal decisions.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee determined the following applications subject to the conditions, informatives, reasons for refusal or authorisation of enforcement action which appear in the published report to the Committee or as detailed in these minutes.

6a. 2021/1168 17 Brackenwood Road, St Johns

The Committee considered an application for the erection of a two-storey rear extension, single storey front, side and rear extensions, rear dormer window, front rooflight, replacement windows, external alterations and alterations to external finishes.

Councillor D Roberts, Ward Councillor, spoke in support of the application and commented that no public concerns had been raised regarding this application. He commented that it was a thoughtful design that cleverly lessened the impact to the street scene. The new footprint of the property was set to be 89.7sqm, from a previous footprint of 43.5sqm, which was not dissimilar to other extensions in the area; the amenity space would still be 285sqm. Councillor D Roberts said that he thought a subservience would be achieved by the setting back of the property and the use of specific materials. It was of a modern design, but the SPD suggested that modern design could sit next to traditional properties successfully. Councillor D Roberts thought that the application met the requirements of national and local policies, and the careful choice of materials achieved a subservience which minimised the impact on the street scene. He thought it was an imaginative and intelligent design and hoped the Committee would consider approval.

Some Committee Members agreed that they liked the modern design, however, even though the design was good it did not necessarily mean that it fitted within the existing street scene. Some Members thought that the modern view was prominent on the street and was out of keeping with the other extensions.

In accordance with Standing Order 22.2, the Chairman deemed that a division should be taken on the recommendation. The votes for and against refusal of the application were recorded as follows.

In favour: Cllrs T Aziz, J Brown, P Graves and L Morales (Chairman).

TOTAL: 4

Against: None.

TOTAL: 0

Present but not voting: Cllr Spenser.

TOTAL: 1

The application was therefore refused.

RESOLVED

That planning permission be REFUSED.

6b. ENF/2021/00056 Gorse Hill, Hook Heath Road

The Committee considered enforcement action on the unauthorised siting of two storage containers.

RESOLVED that

- i. An Enforcement Notice be issued in respect of the above land requiring the following within three (3) months of the notice taking effect:
 - a) Permanently remove from the land the two storage containers whose approximate location was shown hatched black on the plan; and
- ii. That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be instructed to issue an Enforcement Notice under Section 172 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 as amended, and officers be authorised in the event of non-compliance to prosecute under Section 179 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 or appropriate power and/or take direct action under Section 178.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
and ended at 7.25 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____