

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of Linton Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 2nd July 2009

Present: Mrs E Bald – Chair, Ms E Cornell, J Linsdell, B Hammett and Mrs S Parry – Clerk. Mr B Wilson was also in attendance.

Public Forum

No member of the public sought to address the Council.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Planning Committee at 7.30pm

- 1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hunt.
- 2 Declarations of Interest. There were none.
- 3 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2009. Cllr Linsdell proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Cornell and agreed by the meeting.
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2009. There were none.
- 5 The following SCDC decisions were noted:
S/0513/09/F Mr C O'Malley, 7 Bakers Lane – dwelling – permission refused
S/0539/09/F Linton Heights Junior School – extension to provide toilets – permission granted

6 To consider planning applications:

S/0821/09/F Mr B Wilson, land to the north of 42 Back Road – erection of 2 dwellings

COMMENT

Council makes no recommendation on this application but wishes to highlight the following:

- Council reiterates its comments made relating to application S/1907/06/F. This Council believes that it would significantly intrude on this area of best landscape and the recently listed Water Tower
- Council believes that this development would seriously harm the visual impact on the Icknield Way
- Council considers this application to be contrary to Policy SE2 (b) the development would be sensitive to the character of the village, local features of landscape or ecological importance, and amenities of the neighbours
- Council has noted the radical change in design and whilst it is pleased that the footprint is slightly reduced it is concerned that the numerous balconies would intrude on the privacy and amenity of the neighbouring properties.
- Contrary to the Design and Access Statement, the surrounding area is susceptible to flooding from Rivey Hill.
- **Conditions:** Should this application be permitted Councillors would wish it to be conditioned that the boundary hedges be reinforced by planting with native species, all gaps in the hedges closed so there is no longer vehicular and pedestrian access onto Bridleway 21. All driveways and hard landscaping should be of permeable material, to minimise flood potential to neighbouring properties.

S/0843/09/F SCDC, 30 Hillway – two storey extension

COMMENT

- Council objects to this application
- Council considers that this is over development of the site contrary to Policy DP/2 of the SCDC LDF which requires a high standard of design which responds to the local character of the built environment for all new development.
- Council considers that this extension is too close to the boundary of the neighbouring property.
- Council is aware that this development will affect the housing mix for rental properties, and would ask for the implications to be noted.

S/0875/09/PNA TB Fairey and Sons, Barham Hall, Bartlow Road – Prior notification of proposed building. This was noted.

7 Correspondence

Item 5, permission given for tree works at 4 Church Lane. This was noted.

8 Tree Works:

Dr A Foote, 24 Mill Lane – various to include:

- Beech hedge reduce crown to 8-10 ft
- Large Spruce – remove
- Laburnum x 2 – remove
- Multi-stemmed plum – remove
- Forsythia remove
- Small Acer – remove
- Field boundary hedge – cut back to fence and allow hedge to re-grow

Council supports this request.

Mr T Higginson, 32 The Grip - permission granted. This was noted.

9 Matters Arising (for information only)

It was reported that a leylandii hedge in Tower View Green was due to be cut by 1st July. To date this work has not taken place.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed

Date