

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of Linton Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 3rd November

Present: Mrs E Bald – Chairman, Ms T Hunt – Vice Chair, Mrs S Dew, J Linsdell, Mrs J Wilson and Mrs S Parry – Clerk. Cllr Champion was also present.

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

- 1 To receive and approve apologies for absence. None.
- 2 To receive declarations of interest. None.
- 3 Public Participation. None.
- 4 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2011. Cllr Linsdell proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Hunt and agreed by the meeting.
- 5 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 6th October 2011.
Under item 8, the Chair confirmed that the tree works at 3 Horn Lane had begun and greatly improved the area.
Under item 9 correspondence, the lighting scheme for Nichols Court was been approved despite our opposition, and the Chairman and residents speaking or corresponding against it. Officers felt that should the application be rejected then Sanctuary would win on appeal, with resultant costs. It was pointed out by District Councillors that LPC comments would stand in court, and that there would be robust defence, so that this should not be an issue. Mr Wilson of Environmental Health was asked about current light levels, the known nuisance and why this was not enforced – he declared the resident of 11 Flaxfields, no longer wished to pursue this. It was pointed out that this was incorrect, the resident is now ensconced in Nichols Court, so was not in a position to pursue the action; his comments re: sale of the house were hardly credible.
Our own district councillors spoke in favour of the application – “As... the lighting issues have been largely supported by SCDC's consultant. This would certainly mean that if this application is rejected the resulting appeal would have a very good chance of succeeding. In that situation all control of the planning conditioning would be lost. ... make sure proper conditions are met and to work with Nichols Court to get further improvements on a voluntary basis”
The Parish Council is aware of the history of trying to negotiate with Sanctuary, and that they are, as noted by a District Councillor, in effect, “getting away with it”. Other Councillors pointed out that the amended report on lighting issues, by the independent lighting engineer, following a site meeting, largely supported LPC comments and had not been taken into account. Costs related to possibly losing appeals were an issue, in these straightened times.
The officer's opinion prevailed – the vote being 7 for and 6 against the application.
- 6 The following SCDC decisions were noted:
S/1402/11 Dr R Wadwhani, 108 High Street – alterations to traditional painted sign on front elevation of building – permission granted
S/1734/11 Mr T Plumridge, 41 High Street – replacement shop front – permission granted
- 7 To consider the following SCDC planning applications:
S/1719/11 Mr I Wood, 14A Back Road – single storey front and single storey rear extensions
COMMENT
 - Council supports this application and commends the plans
 - Materials to be in keeping with existing
S/2089/11 Mrs Moore, The Lindens, Hadstock Road – single side storey extension
COMMENT
 - Council supports this application and commends the plans
- 8 Tree Works – There were none.
- 9 Correspondence received – There was none.
- 10 Matters Arising. It was noted that advertisements were being placed without consent around the village.

The meeting closed at 8pm

Signed

Date