

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2019

Present:

Councillor Owen (in the Chair)

Councillors

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| Baker | Hugo | Robertson BEM | L Williams |
| Hobson | O'Hara | Stansfield | |

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Support Manager

Carl Carrington, Head of Planning, Quality and Control

Ian Curtis, Legal Officer

Susan Parker, Head of Development Management

Latif Patel, Network Planning and Projects Manager

Councillor R Scott

Councillor Wing

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Committee considered the minutes of the last meeting held on 3 September 2019.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3 PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT APPEALS LODGED AND DETERMINED

The Planning Committee received a report on the planning appeals lodged and determined since the last meeting.

The Committee noted that no appeals had been lodged against the decision of the Council to refuse permission and no appeals had been determined.

4 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered the summary of planning enforcement activity within Blackpool during August 2019.

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The report stated that 41 new cases had been registered for investigation, 7 cases had been resolved by negotiation without recourse to formal action and 27 cases had been closed as there had either been no breach of planning control found, no action was appropriate or it had not been considered expedient to take action.

It was noted that no formal enforcement or Section 215 notices and one breach of condition notice had been issued in August 2019.

The report also provided comparative information for the same period last year.

Resolved: To note the outcome of the cases set out in the report and to support the actions of the Service Manager, Public Protection Department.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS PERFORMANCE

The Committee considered the Planning Application and Appeals Performance Report that provided an update on the Council's performance in relation to Government targets.

The report outlined the performance for August 2019 as 100% for major development decisions against a target of 60% and 90% for minor development decisions against a target of 70%. The overall performance for the period July to September 2019 was 100% for major development decisions and 92% for minor development decisions. No appeals had been determined in August 2019 or during the period July to September 2019.

The Committee noted that the performance had exceeded or met the Government targets for an extended period of time and therefore it was no longer considered necessary to report on a monthly but instead to do so on a quarterly basis.

Resolved: To note the report.

6 PLANNING APPLICATION 19 0278 - CARLETON CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM, STOCKS ROAD, BLACKPOOL

The Planning Committee considered planning application 19/0278 for the use of land as extension to existing cemetery at Carleton Cemetery and Crematorium, Stocks Road.

Miss Susan Parker, Head of Development Management, introduced the application to the Committee. She emphasised that the application had been submitted to address the pressing need for additional burial space within Blackpool. The use of the location as a cemetery would not conflict with its situation in the green belt and its open appearance. The application met the sequential test as it was the most appropriate location for the development. There had been demonstrated a clear public need for the increased provision and the development would be restricted to the area of the site outside the flood zone. The extension proposed would also be able to make use of the existing chapel, reception, café and parking facilities whereas a new burial ground would require new provision.

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Resolved:

That the application be approved subject to the conditions and for the reasons outlined in the Appendix.

Background papers: Applications, plans and replies to consultations on the application.

7 PLANNING APPLICATION 19 0477 - LAND TO REAR OF 1-7 WREN GROVE AND 23-25 ROYAL BANK ROAD, BLACKPOOL

The Planning Committee considered planning application 19/0477 for the erection of three, two storey terraced houses with associated parking and landscaping and vehicular access from Wren Grove and Royal Bank Road at land to rear of 1-7 Wren Grove and 23-25 Royal Bank Road.

Miss Susan Parker, Head of Development Management, presented the application to the Committee she highlighted the recommendation that the loss of the existing, redundant warehousing use would be considered to be acceptable and its replacement with residential housing the most appropriate solution. The accommodation proposed would be of a satisfactory standard of design and amenity, and would not have any unacceptable impacts upon surrounding neighbours or the highway network.

The Committee discussed the application, and while recognising that compromises had to be made in relation to the development of the site and that there could be a return to the existing use, expressed concerns about the overdevelopment of the site and amenity issues. It considered that it may be beneficial to defer consideration to enable further negotiation.

Resolved:

That the application be deferred to a future meeting.

8 PLANNING APPLICATION 19 0241 - FORMER BISPHAM HIGH SCHOOL, BISPHAM ROAD, BLACKPOOL

The Planning Committee considered application 19/0421 for a hybrid application comprising two sections:

- A) a full application for the erection of a cadet hut (relocation of existing building)
- B) an outline planning application for the erection of up to 176 dwellings with associated open space and infrastructure(all matters reserved for subsequent approval).

Miss Susan Parker, Head of Development Management, presented the application and pointed out that there remained an outstanding objection to the proposal from Sport England. In light of the failure to yet have reached agreement as to a way forward for replacement facilities with that organisation the officer recommendation had been

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amended to defer the application to enable further discussion to enable Sport England to withdraw their objection. The Committee had been asked to note that without the objection being withdrawn the application could not be determined by the Committee and would have to be determined by the Secretary of State.

Mr Spedding, Mr Ashton and Mrs Faulkner all spoke in objection to the application. They highlighted concerns regarding increased traffic, access to site, loss of open space and the disruption of the development.

Councillor R Scott, Ward Councillor, spoke in objection to the application, he highlighted concerns from local residents as to the size of the development, the loss of open space and the impact on residential amenity.

The Committee briefly considered the application but noted the change of the recommendation to deferral. It considered that a deferral would be beneficial in addressing the issues raised by Sport England and potentially also enabling further investigation of the access options.

Resolved:

That the application be deferred to a future meeting.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted the date of its next meeting as Tuesday 5 November 2019 at 6pm.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 6.58 pm)

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