

Newport Parish Council Planning and Environment Committee

**Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday, 15th March, 2010 at
Church House, Newport**

Present: Cllr T. Denyer (TD) (Chairman)
 Cllr P. Ascot (PA)
 Cllr M. Bowker (MB)
 Cllr A. Johnson (AJ)
 Cllr J. Smith (JS) (From P015-P020)
 Cllr A. Yarwood (AY)

In attendance: C. Griffn Clerk

P015 Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

P016 To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the Agenda

TD declared a personal interest in P022 and P025; JS in P019; AY in P019. AY declared a personal and prejudicial interest in P022

P017 Public participation session (15 minutes available if required)

No members of the public present.

P018 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th January , 2010

Resolved that the Chairman should sign the minutes as approved.
 Proposed: AY Seconded: MB All
 agreed

P019 To discuss a response to the UDC Core Strategy Consultation

JS reported that he attended the Core Strategy Meeting at UDC on 4th March and raised several issues regarding the incomplete studies.

JS pointed out that :

- ∞ The employment strategy is based on a 2005/6 Survey. JS has raised employment in or near Elsenham with the JPC Group and they will be discussing this with their Consultant.
- ∞ The Sustainability Assessments overlap
- ∞ The Stage 2 Water Cycle Study is not available.

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- ∞ If the 3000 houses are built at Elsenham, 1200 (40%) would be affordable. The JPC Group Consultant is looking into this as they would not comply with the normal criteria. Members of the PC felt this would be acceptable providing the dwellings are properly mixed within the development.

AY expressed concern at the lack of any analysis of transport needs and provision of new roads. Newport would certainly be affected by increased traffic through the village.

The Chairman pointed out that there is already some unemployment in the area. This development would mean even more jobs needed to be found. Some of course would travel to London, Harlow and Cambridge. There being little possibility of work locally, except of course if Stansted Airport were allowed to grow significantly.

JS confirmed that the JPC Group would still like to see the 3000 houses spread across the district. Newport PC has already stated that the village could take another 150.

JS will draft a response for approval by the PC. This must be submitted by 9th April.

P020 To receive an update on Planning decisions and Appeals

UTT/1562/09/FUL

Applicant: Newport Business Association

Proposal: Installation of Community use Emergency Defibrillator to external wall

Comments: Defibrillator should be located on the other side of the window adjacent to the Pharmacy Shop Window. Out of keeping with the Conservation Area.

UDC: Conditional approval

UTT/1599/09/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs A. Blatt, Monks Barn, High Street

Proposal: First floor rear extension. Internal alterations

Comments: The building materials and finishes should be consistent with the existing barn.

UDC: Conditional approval

UTT/1681/09/FUL

Applicant: Newport County Primary School, Frambury Lane

Proposal: Front extension and canopy, low retaining wall.

Comments: None

UDC Conditional approval

UTT/1690/09/FUL

Applicant: Mr. Blatt & Mrs. Bonnington, Monks Barn, High Street

Proposal: Conversion and extension of garage to Studio/ Office

Comments: All materials should be in keeping with the Conservation Area. Studio/ Office should not be used for living accommodation.

UDC: Conditional approval.

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UTT/1767/07/FUL

Applicant: K. Hatherley, c/o White & Mileson

Proposal: Erection of dwelling with integral garage and alteration of existing vehicular and pedestrian access on land adjacent to Willow Chase, London Road

Comments: Environmentally friendly measures to be used.

UDC: Conditional approval.

P021 To consider planning applications received

UTT/0074/10/FUL

Applicant: Mr. J. and Mr. P. Manley, site adjacent to 'Tulyars'; Cambridge Road

Proposal: Erection of dwelling with new vehicle and pedestrian access

Comments Dangerous access onto Cambridge Road

UTT/0348/10/FUL

Applicant: Mr. O. Wilson, The Old Priory, Bridge End

Proposal: Two storey rear extension

Comments: Building materials to be in keeping with conservation area.

UTT/0409/10/REN

Applicant: Mrs G. Lewis, Briscoe Cottage, Belmont Hill
Proposal: Renewal of planning approval UTT/0126/05/REN for the erection of first floor extension, detached double garage with accommodation above and erection of garden wall
Comments: Garage should not be used for living accommodation and must be ancillary to Briscoe Cottage.

P022 To discuss planning application for the new development at Jikes Hall

AY reported that at the last meeting of the Joint Steering Group it was agreed to submit an application for the two Halls, the application would be made by the PC and the application fee would be reimbursed by the Youth Club.

The plans were presented to the Planning Committee and AY advised that the building would be a steel frame on a concrete base. It would be a multi-purpose Hall and would be able to take a Badminton Court if required. The next stage would be a detailed specification. A Planning Officer has looked at the plans, but feels it is out of keeping although it is similar to the Youth Club at Thaxted which is on the edge of a field.

PA and AJ raised questions regarding the following:

- ∞ Heating. AY confirmed this would be provided by a wood burner and radiators, backed up by electric heaters.
- ∞ No overall plan for the development. The PC needs to see the car parking arrangements. AY will consult with the Architect on this.

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- ∞ The shape of the building. One long building with the Scouts Store Shed off the back would look more attractive. AY said this would not be supported by the Scouts.
- ∞ Gravel margin round the entire building.
- ∞ Barrier to prevent cars and car exhausts damaging cladding.
- ∞ Ground levels and drainage. AY confirmed that soakaways would be used.
- ∞ Colour of the building. AY confirmed this would be green.
- ∞ Windows and doors. PA presented a sketch showing extra windows and steel doors.

Following discussion, it was proposed that the PC should submit an application for the Youth Club Hall only, incorporating the alterations proposed by PA/AJ (the plan to include a dotted line

- ∞ Following the meeting Flagship Housing Association will be requested to design a plan for developing the Cambridge Road scheme in two phases, each phase to consist of a mix of 15/16 developments.

P026 Items for next Agenda

To receive an update on the Affordable Housing Sites.

To receive an update on the planning application for Jikes Youth Centre.

P027 To discuss any Urgent matters of interest to the Parish

P027.1 The Chairman reported on a discussion with the owner of The Links.

P027.2 AJ reported that the verge in Chalk Farm Lane needs leveling. Clerk to contact ECC.

P028 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee will be held on Monday

17th May at 7.30 pm at Church House.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

