

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

held remotely on

Tuesday 13th April 2021

commencing at 6.30p.m.

Present:

Councillor: Champion (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs Ackerley, Mrs. Burrell, Elliott, Frenchman,
James, Liquorish, Modha and Nunn.

Officers: D. Atkinson, I. Bartlett, E. Baumber, A. Eastwood, J. Felton, S. Green, G. Keeping, N.
Kwasa, N. Parry, M. Patterson and C. Zacharia

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and a one-minute silence was held for His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh.

It was stated that whilst new Government legislation enabled the Committee to make decisions through remote meetings during the current pandemic, other provisions on how the Council conducted meetings remained the same.

Members of the Committee introduced themselves. The Chairman confirmed the Officers who were supporting the remote meeting and highlighted the procedures for the smooth running of the virtual meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATIONS OF SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Councillor Simon Galton, who was substituted by Councillor Peter Elliott.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of Members' interests.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

It was noted that Councillor Elliott was not present at the previous meeting and did not vote on the minutes.

5. REFERRALS UP TO COUNCIL BY THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

There were no referrals up to Council by the Planning Committee.

6. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC

There were no written questions or received petitions submitted by the public.

7. APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION

The Planning Officer introduced the report in respect of application 20/01884/FUL – Great Bowden:

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Red Lion, 5 Main Street, Great Bowden, Leicestershire

Erection of a quadrant courtyard for the purposes of providing an outdoor covered seating area (revised scheme of 20/01468/FUL) (retrospective)

She referred Members to the Supplementary Information which had been published on the Council's website and circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting. She noted that as the Applicant had now submitted an appeal against the non-determination of the application, the Local Planning Authority cannot issue an actual decision, as the decision is to be taken by the Planning Inspectorate. However, the Committee were advised to consider the report so a putative decision would be available for the purpose of the planning appeal including the Local Planning Authority case at that appeal.

Therefore, the Officer recommendation had been revised as follows:

It is recommended that the Council submission to the appeal should state that if the Council had taken a decision, it would have resolved to refuse planning permission for the reason set out in the committee report.

Representations were heard in objection to the application from Mr Paul Claxton and Mrs Jacqueline Endersby. Members had the opportunity to question the speakers and Officers.

RESOLVED:

That the Council submission to the appeal should state that if the Council had taken a decision, it would have resolved to REFUSE planning permission, for the reason set out in the committee report.

8. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE REPORT

The report was presented by the Planning Enforcement Team Leader, who noted that it covered the period September 2020 – March 2021 and that the Committee would be receiving reports on a quarterly basis. Members had the opportunity to discuss the report and requested further breakdown of the categories and figures included in future reports. The Chairman noted that he was happy to meet with Members of the Committee outside of the meeting to show them the work he is doing with the Enforcement Team.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee noted the information contained in the report.

9. URGENT MATTERS

There were no urgent matters to consider.

10. SECTION 100 (A) 4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

The following item was dealt with under Section 100A (4) Local Government Act 1972. It was therefore:

RESOLVED:

That the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the matters yet to be discussed involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

11. EXEMPT REPORT: SERVICE OF BUILDING PRESERVATION NOTICE.

The meeting moved into private session.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee delegate authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, to serve a Building Preservation Notice under section 3 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 on the building in question, as noted in the Exempt Report.

The meeting ended at 19.51