

**BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in the**  
**THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER on**  
**MONDAY 18 APRIL 2011, COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor Mrs W Witter (Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs A Clark, F Coulsey, Mr J Oxley and P Shearer.

**Also Present:** 6 members of the public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

459. **Apologies for Absence**

None.

460. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

461. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs W Witter, with the permission of the Committee, adjourned the meeting under Standing Order 23(q), to allow the local residents in attendance, to speak about planning application 2010/0369, proposed development to erect a detached house with integral garage (including demolition of existing bungalow).

The residents raised concern about the development proposals. The new 4 bedroom house would be located nearer to the existing rear properties. As the house is to replace an existing bungalow, there were fears of all privacy to existing dwellings being overlooked, particularly the bungalows. This would affect day/sunlight and overshadowing. Concern was also raised over the visual appearance of the development proposals and that it would befall the existing building line. The plans refer to the property being a dormer, whilst the application is for a house. The removal of a rear hedge and rear shared access serving several other surrounding properties was also raised.

Councillor Mrs Witter thanked the local residents for their informative discussion and re-opened the meeting. The residents then left the meeting.

462. **Planning Matters**

(a) **Planning Applications**

**Resolved** that the comments as stated be made to North Lincolnshire Council on the following Planning Applications:

- (1) **2011/0375 Mr Mark Bannister** – Notice of intention to crown thin by 20% a Copper Beech tree situated within a conservation area at 13A Westfield Road, Barton (No comment or objection);
- (2) **2011/0369 Mr & Mrs R Burton** – Planning permission to erect a detached house with integral garage (including demolition of existing bungalow) at 17a Marsh Lane, Barton (Comment only: the town council wish to point out the following concerns and disquiet raised by several local residents. The new 4 bedroom house would be located nearer to the existing rear properties. As the house is to replace an existing bungalow, there were fears of all privacy to existing dwellings being overlooked, particularly the bungalows. This would affect day/sunlight and overshadowing. Concern was also raised over the visual appearance of the development proposals and that it would befall the existing building line. The plans refer to the property being a dormer, whilst the application is for a house. The removal of a rear hedge and rear shared access serving several other surrounding properties was also raised as an area of concern.

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(3) **2011/0408 Mr Mark Drust North Lincolnshire Council** - Consent to carry out works to Elm tree protected by a tree preservation order (78 Barrow Road, Barton Upon Humber) at Playground, Oak Drive, Barton (Comment only: Elm trees are protected species and this one has a Tree Preservation Order placed upon it. It is hoped the proposed work is carried out with extreme care to ensure the tree is not damaged in any way).

(4) **2011/0416 Mr Tony Armstrong** – Planning permission to erect a two storey extension at 93 Barrow Road, Barton (Comment only: the development proposals to be in keeping with the existing building and surrounding cemetery area).

(b) **Planning Decisions**

**Resolved** that the following Notice of Planning Decisions received from North Lincolnshire Council be noted;

**2011/0259 Mr J Birtwhistle, Birtwhistle Landscaping Ltd** – Works to trees in a conservation area, notice of intention to remove one willow tree and two ash trees situated within a conservation area at 85 Fleetgate, Barton;

463. **Update of Electronic Working of Planning Applications from North Lincolnshire Council**

Councillor Mrs W Witter gave an update of the current position. This matter was raised with North Lincolnshire Council at a recent Town and Parish Council Liaison Meeting. Mr M Welton (Head of Planning) was in attendance, and refused to review his decision regarding non-issue of planning applications and planning notices in paper form. However, the Chairman of the Liaison Meeting, Councillor Mr L Foster, felt this matter required some further investigation. It was noted this affected town councils more than parish councils, because they dealt with more planning applications and also had town council offices open to the public daily. There is synergy with Brigg Town Council as both towns are development areas, with development plans submitted with much documentation attached. It was also noted that local residents were still being advised by North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department to view local plans in the town council office. The downloading of the planning application information from the website was found to be costly using office consumables and time consuming. It also had to be fitted in with other town council duties. Not all of the plans were immediately on the website after the town council had been notified they were by the Planning Department, which meant the town council office staff had to check each day for several days when they were. Although this had been queried with the Planning Department, no response had been forthcoming. The Clerk had recently contacted ERNLLCA about this, and it had been pointed out that North East Lincolnshire Council had undertaken the exercise of not providing town and parish councils with paper plans. However, as this had not been a practical option to the local councils, and had increased their costs, the decision had been revoked by North East Lincolnshire Council. It was agreed and

**Resolved** the town council office to keep a record of the time spent downloading planning applications from the North Lincolnshire Council website, and a list of office consumables doing this procedure. Also, contact be made with other local town councils regarding paper plans no longer being provided from the Planning Department and how they have been affected by this.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs W Witter, closed the meeting at 7.40 p.m.

..... Chairman 4 May 2011