

**BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in the  
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER on  
MONDAY 21 MARCH 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:** Councillors Mrs M Sidell and K Vickers, 5 members of the public and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

421. **Apologies for Absence**

None.

422. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

423. **Adjourned Meeting**

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs W Witter, with the permission of the Committee, adjourned the meeting under Standing Order 23(q), to allow local resident, Mr Hatfield, to speak about planning application 2010/1513, proposed development to erect 14 dwellings on land at 91 Barrow Road, Barton.

Mr Hatfield wished to strongly object to the planning application proposals. He explained that he and his wife lived in a bungalow next door to the proposed development site and that the proposals were unsuitable to the surrounding existing properties, and would leave them hemmed in removing privacy. This type of infilling development he felt was grossly unsuitable to the location. There has recently been another planning application passed for a development to build over 300 properties on Falkland Way, close to 91 Barrow Road. This he felt compounded a road safety issue with the volume of traffic on Barrow Road, and the fact that there is a school across the road, adding to this.

At peak school times, there are several large coaches bringing and taking schoolchildren to/from the school, together with numerous cars waiting to collect the children also. Many of these currently park on Barrow Road, outside the proposed development site and also Mr Hatfield's property. This makes it difficult for access/egress of driveways and highlights the dangers for schoolchildren crossing the road. The A1077 is a very busy road with existing heavy volumes of traffic and parking problems. He commented that recently a planning application had been refused for a development to build behind 2-14 Barrow Road between Baysgarth School and Whitecross Street, which he felt set a precedent for unsuitability to the area and location.

Mr Hatfield also felt the proposals to demolish the beautiful Victorian house at 91 Barrow Road was nothing short of legal vandalism and would ruin the approach to and from Barton. He concluded by stating that he and his wife do not propose to remain living next door to the development if it was given planning permission. As such, they were taking steps to apply for planning permission themselves, to demolish their properties at number 89 and 83 Barrow Road, and build 20 dwellings. This he said they did not wish to do, but felt under the circumstances, they had little choice.

Residents from Norman Close also stated their objections to the development proposals. They felt due to the sloping levels of the development site, this would leave their bungalows severely overlooked and exposed, and would ultimately affect the value of their properties.

Councillor Mrs Witter thanked Mr Hatfield and the residents of Norman Close for their informative discussion and re-opened the meeting. The residents then left the meeting.

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424. **Planning Matters**

(a) **Planning Applications**

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

- (1) **2010/1513 Mr P Matthews** – Planning permission to erect 14 dwellings on land at 91 Barrow Road, Barton (Objection: the town council fully support the objections raised by several local residents for the development proposals. Concerns for road safety due to the A1077 Barrow Road being a very busy main road with a school located on it and a cycleway. There is currently parking problems in existence, heightened by the peak periods of school times, adding to the parking, traffic movement and schoolchildren crossing the road. Recent housing developments on Barrow Road have added to these concerns. It is felt the proposed development does not allow sufficient vehicular parking, further adding to the road safety concerns. The surrounding properties to the development site are several bungalows, making the proposed dwellings unsuitable regarding visual appearance, area character, height and location. Concern is raised regarding sewerage. It is noted that a sewer runs down Barrow Road and a new pumping station would be required. This proposal would be too close to the neighbouring property boundary. Due to the area levels and sloping of the site with hard levels, there is concern for flooding. The existing dwelling on the site is a historic building in the town and part of its heritage. It is felt that the building should be a listed one and retained. It is understood a tree survey has been undertaken on the site, whereby the trees are listed. It is noted there will be a loss of trees, once again affecting the area character and environmental impact. Concerns have already been lodged regarding the adjacent cemetery nearing full capacity, with further provision required in the near locality. It is a major concern that numerous housing developments have been commenced in the town, allegedly offering affordable housing. However, it is noted that several of these remain incomplete and left as building sites. It is thought prudent that these developments should be completed before additional ones are initiated, putting further strain on the town's infrastructure and services. It is also noted that the planning proposals do not include provision of a playground area for children).
- (2) **2011/0208 HSBC Corporate Real Estate** – Consent to display a static internally illuminated hanging sign and 3 non-illuminated signs on the front elevation and 1 non-illuminated sign on the cash machine at Bank House, 8 Holydyke, Barton (No comment or objection);
- (3) **2011/0210 Regal Fish Supplies Ltd** – Planning permission to erect an office extension at Regal Fish Supplies, Ardent Road, Falkland Way, Barton (No comment or objection);
- (4) **2011/0259 Mr Jonathan Birtwhistle, Birtwhistle Landscaping Ltd** – Notice of intention to remove 1 Willow tree and 2 Ash trees situated within a conservation area at 85 Fleetgate, Barton (Comment only: that suitable replacement trees be planted if at all possible).
- (5) **2011/0215 Mr Paul Francis** – Outline planning permission to erect a detached dwelling with all matters reserved for subsequent approval at land adjacent to 57 Eastfield Road, Barton (No comment or objection).

(b) **Planning Decisions**

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

**2010/1438 Mr C Day, C & C Ltd** – Full planning permission to retain roller shutter doors and cctv cameras at C & C Ltd, Ferriby Road, Barton; **2011/0087 Mr A Turnbull** – Full planning permission to erect a single storey extension to form garage and lounge at 15 East Grove, Barton; **2011/0059 Mr A Havercroft** – Full planning permission to erect a detached domestic garage and demolish existing

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carport at 73 Bowmandale, Barton; **2011/0033 Mr D Maultby** – Full planning permission to replace an extant planning permission PA/2007/1925 dated 18/01/2008 to convert existing building to a dwelling at The Old Meeting Hall, Maltby Lane, Barton.

(b) **Notice of Appeal**

**Resolved** that the following Notice of Appeal be noted:

**APP/Y2003/A/11/2147547/WF- Mr & Mrs T Goode** – Planning permission to demolish outbuilding and erect a detached bungalow and detached domestic garage (re-submission of PA/2010/0269 dated 16/04/2010 at Land to the rear of 14 Eastfield Road, Barton.

425. **Electronic Working of Planning Applications from North Lincolnshire Council** (Min Ref: 412(12)(v)/144-BTC 02/03/11).

Discussion took place regarding the withdrawal of paper copies of plans sent to town and parish councils as from 1 April. Following investigation with other local councils, it was clear that not many had the budget to purchase additional equipment, or had resources for this. The needs and the requirements of the town council were debated and it was agreed and

**Resolved** the Clerk write to North Lincolnshire Council stating the following:

- (1) The town council have members of the public in to view planning applications on a daily basis. We do not have facilities for them to view plans on-line in the town council office, or have officer time to undertake and assist this procedure;
- (2) Not all members of the town council have a computer, and the town council cannot justify the cost of providing additional computers for this use;
- (3) The town council hold its twice monthly Planning Committee meetings at two different venues. This would make the purchase and transportation of equipment unsuitable. Furthermore, to have wireless broadband is not an option, as the reception area in Barton means this does not work most areas. This has been tested by some local government officers.
- (4) The projection of the plans onto a screen by a projector results in a fuzzy image, that is unsuitable for both town council members and the public to identify specific issues.
- (5) The town council still require planning applications in paper form. If this is not possible for all planning applications, the town council could run off the website/e-mail the smaller ones, but, still require the medium to large applications whereby there is much planning detail to peruse, whereby clarity is required.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs W Witter, closed the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

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