

PLANNING COMMITTEE

HELD: Thursday, 17 June 2021

Start: 7.00 p.m.

Finish: 8.15 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor: D O'Toole (Chairman)
S Evans (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs P Baybutt J Finch
A Blundell G Owen
G Clandon E Pope
N Delaney J Thompson
D Evans J Upjohn
A Fennell Mrs M Westley

In attendance: Councillor C Dereli (Burscough West Ward)

Officers: Heidi McDougall, Corporate Director of Place and Community
Ann Veevers, Principal Planning Officer
Mark Loughran, Principal Planning Officer
David Delaney, Legal Assistant (Planning)
Jill Ryan, Senior Member Services Officer

13 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

14 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no changes to the membership of the committee.

15 URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business received.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

17 DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no Declarations of Party Whip.

18 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 20 May 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Corporate Director of Place and Community submitted a report on planning applications (all prefixed 2021 unless otherwise stated) as contained on pages 83 to

124 of the Book of Reports and on pages 169 to 172 of the Late Information Report.

(Notes:

1. In accordance with Regulatory Procedure Rule 7(a), Councillor Dereli spoke in connection with planning application 0369/FUL relating to 1 Hacketts Amusements Depot, Tollgate Road, Burscough, and left the meeting after consideration of this item.
2. An Objector and Agent spoke in connection with planning application 2020/1132/OUT relating to Land Adjacent to Lindsay Cottage, Crawford Road, Up Holland and left the meeting after consideration of this item).
3. Councillor Clandon left the meeting after consideration of planning application 0369/FUL relating to 1 Hacketts Amusements Depot, Tollgate Road, Burscough and was not present for the remainder of the meeting.

20 2020/1132/OUT - LAND ADJACENT TO LINDSAY COTTAGE, CRAWFORD ROAD, CRAWFORD VILLAGE, UP HOLLAND, LANCASHIRE

RESOLVED: That planning application 2020/1132/OUT relating to Land Adjacent to Lindsay Cottage, Crawford Road, Crawford Village, Up Holland be approved subject to the conditions and reasons as set out on pages 89 to 92 of the Book of Reports.

21 2021/0196/FUL - LAND BETWEEN PIMBO LANE AND PRESCOTT ROAD, UP HOLLAND, LANCASHIRE

RESOLVED: That planning application 0196/FUL relating to Land Between Pimbo Lane and Prescott Road, Up Holland be approved subject to the conditions and reasons as set out on pages 99 to 102 of the Book of Reports.

22 2021/0334/COU - 10 MULBERRY CLOSE, ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE, L39 4AG

RESOLVED: That planning application 0334/COU relating to 10 Mulberry Close, Ormskirk be refused as per the reason for refusal set out on page 108 of the Book of Reports.

23 2021/0369/FUL - 1 HACKETTS AMUSEMENTS DEPOT, TOLLGATE ROAD, BURSCOUGH, ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE, L40 8LD

RESOLVED: That planning application 0369/FUL relating to 1 Hacketts Amusements Depot, Tollgate Road, Burscough be approved subject to the conditions and reasons as set out on pages 118 to 124 and on page 171 to 172 of the Late Information setting out amendments to Conditions 2, 4 and 12.

24 THE PLANNING SERVICE REVIEW

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community as contained on pages 125 to 167 of the Book of Reports. The purpose of which was to update Planning Committee Members on the outcome of the

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Planning Services Review and that any agreed comments be forwarded to the Corporate Director of Place and Community for consideration in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.

The Corporate Director of Place and Community outlined the report and sought any agreed comments to be taken back to the Planning Portfolio Holder for consideration.

In discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of:

- Senior Staff in the Planning Department leaving the Council
- Lots of recommendations to address in the report
- Planning being an important Council Service
- Planning Training
- Appointment System for Members attending the Planning Office
- Backlog of applications and enforcement actions
- Recognition of Officers working hard
- Enforcement actions used to be brought to Planning Committee which Members found beneficial
- Procurement of Red Quadrant
- IT Equipment and current systems
- Concern with regard to the number of retrospective Planning Applications being received

The Corporate Director of Place and Community informed the Committee that these comments had already been raised previously at Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee and she had noted Members concerns.

RESOLVED: That the comments be noted.

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Chairman