

PLANNING COMMITTEE

HELD: Thursday, 17 October 2019

Start: 7.00 p.m.

Finish: 9.10 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor: G Dowling (Chairman)
A Pritchard (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: I Ashcroft S Evans
Mrs P Baybutt J Finch
A Blundell D O' Toole
C Coughlin N Pryce Roberts
V Cummins E Pope
N Delaney J Thompson
C Dereli Mrs M Westley
D Evans Mrs J Witter

In attendance: Councillor I Moran (Leader of the Council) (from Item 7b)
Councillor D West (Skelmersdale South Ward)
Councillor T Blane (North Meols Ward)
Councillor I Rigby (Bickerstaffe Ward)
Peter Richards, Strategic Planning & Implementation Manager

Officers: John Harrison, Director of Development & Regeneration
Catherine Thomas, Head of Development Management
Matthew Jones, Deputy Borough Solicitor
Mark Loughran, Principal Planning Officer
Jill Ryan, Member Services/Civic Officer

51 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

As this was the Director of Development and Regeneration's last Planning Committee, the Chairman took the opportunity to thank Mr. Harrison for all his hard work and dedication to the Council during the past 41 years of service. The Chairman also invited past Planning Portfolio Holders who were also present, to contribute to the sentiments expressed, this was supported by all of the Planning Committee and Officers present.

52 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of Councillor Devine and the appointment of Councillor Pryce-Roberts for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

53 URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business.

54 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

55 **DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no Declarations of Party Whip.

56 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 5 September 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

57 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report on planning applications (all prefixed 2019 unless otherwise stated) as contained on pages 329 to 403 of the Book of Reports and on pages 405 to 409 of the Late Information Report.

Notes

1. Councillor D West spoke in connection with planning application 0211/FUL relating to the Former Playing Fields, Barnes Road, Skelmersdale and left the Chamber at the conclusion of this application.
2. Councillor T Blane spoke in connection with planning application 0155/FUL relating to Land to the Rear of 44 to 50 Church Road, Banks and left the Chamber at the conclusion of this application.
3. Councillor I Moran as Leader of the Council spoke in connection with planning application 0069/OUT, Land to the East of Firwood Road, Lathom.
4. Two objectors spoke in connection with planning application 0211/FUL relating to the Former Playing Fields, Barnes Road, Skelmersdale.
5. An objector spoke in connection with Land to the Rear of 44 to 50 Church Road, Banks.
6. The Parish Clerk to Newburgh Parish Council spoke in connection with planning application 0670/FUL relating to Hughes Mushroom Farm, Course Lane, Newburgh.
7. The Parish Clerk to South Lathom Parish Council spoke in connection with planning application 0069/OUT relating to Land to the East of Firwood Road, Lathom.
8. The Agent spoke in relation to planning application 0069/OUT relating to Land to the East of Firwood Road, Lathom.

58 **2019/0595/FUL - RAMSAY TIMBER AND BUILDING SUPPLIES, SKULL HOUSE LANE, APPLEY BRIDGE, WIGAN**

RESOLVED: That planning application 0595/FUL relating to Ramsay Timber and Building Supplies, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge, Wigan be approved subject to the conditions as set out on pages 334 to 336 of the Book of Reports.

59 2019/0211/FUL - FORMER PLAYING FIELDS, BARNES ROAD, SKELMERSDALE

RESOLVED: That planning application 0211/FUL relating to Former Playing Fields, Barnes Road, Skelmersdale be deferred for one cycle to allow for further negotiations to take place regarding vehicular and pedestrian access to the site.

60 2019/0794/WL3 - 17 BEECH AVENUE, PARBOLD, WIGAN, LANCASHIRE

RESOLVED: That planning application 0794/WL3 relating to 17 Beech Avenue, Parbold, Wigan be approved subject to the conditions as set out on page 357 of the Book of Reports.

61 2019/0796/WL3 - 40 BEECH AVENUE, PARBOLD, WIGAN, LANCASHIRE

RESOLVED: That planning application 0796/WL3 relating to 40 Beech Avenue, Parbold, Wigan be approved subject to the conditions as set out on page 361 of the Book of Reports.

62 2019/0155/COU - LAND TO THE REAR OF 44 TO 50 CHURCH ROAD, BANKS

RESOLVED: That planning application 0155/COU relating to Land to the Rear of 44 to 50 Church Road, Banks be approved subject to the conditions as set out on pages 369 to 370 of the Book of Reports.

63 2019/0670/FUL - HUGHES MUSHROOM FARM, COURSE LANE, NEWBURGH, WIGAN

RESOLVED: That planning application 0670/FUL relating to Hughes Mushroom Farm, Course Lane, Newburgh be approved subject to the conditions as set out on page 374 of the Book of Reports.

64 2018/1291/FUL - LAND AT THE SOUTH-EASTERN END OF THE CAMPUS EDGE HILL UNIVERSITY, ST. HELENS ROAD, ORMSKIRK

RESOLVED: To note that planning application 2018/1291/FUL relating to Land at the South-Eastern end of the Campus, Edge Hill University, St. Helens Road, Ormskirk had been withdrawn by the Applicant.

65 2019/0069/OUT - LAND TO THE EAST OF FIRSWOOD ROAD, LATHOM

RESOLVED: That planning application 0069/OUT relating to Land to the East of Firswood Road, Lathom be deferred for officers to provide, in conjunction with the Highway Authority, a more detailed evaluation of the access arrangements.

66 PLANNING COMMITTEE - TIMING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That in future Planning Committee be scheduled to commence at 7.00pm

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Chairman