

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

**HELD: Wednesday, 9 February 2022**

Start: 7.00 p.m.

Finish: 8.15 p.m.

### PRESENT:

Councillor: D O'Toole (Chairman)  
J Finch (Vice-Chairman)

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

In attendance: Councillor J Howard (North Meols Ward)

Officers: Alan Houghton, Interim Head of Growth and Development  
Catherine Thomas, Development, Heritage and Environment Manager  
Mark Loughran, Principal Planning Officer  
David Delaney, Legal Assistant (Planning)  
Jill Ryan, Senior Member Services Officer

### 101 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor I Moran.

### 102 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of Councillor Mrs M Westley and the appointment of Councillor D Westley for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

### 103 URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business.

### 104 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Thompson declared a pecuniary interest in respect of planning application 2021/1268/FUL relating to 2 Hardacre Street as she lived in close proximity to the application site and indicated that she would leave the Chamber during consideration of this application and take no part in the decision making process.
2. Councillor Finch declared that he considered himself to be pre-determined on planning application 0332/FUL relating to the Food Shop, 26 Bearcroft, Skelmersdale and that he would be speaking in his capacity as a Ward

Councillor for this item and therefore would take no part in the decision making process.

**105 DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no Declarations of Party Whip.

**106 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 12 January 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**107 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 747 to 782 of the Book of Reports and on pages 797 to 799 of the Late Information Report.

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1. Councillor Thompson had declared a pecuniary interest in respect of planning application 1268/FUL relating to 2 Hardacre Street, Ormskirk as she lived in close proximity to the application site and therefore left the Chamber during consideration of this item.
2. 2 Objectors spoke in connection with planning application 0332/FUL relating to the Food Shop, 26 Bearcroft, Digmoor, Skelmersdale and left the Chamber after consideration of this item.
3. In accordance with Regulatory Procedure Rule 7(a), Councillor Howard spoke as a Ward Councillor in connection with planning application 1383/FUL relating to Land to the West of Todds Lane, Banks.
4. Councillor Finch had declared himself to be pre-determined on planning application 0332/FUL which related to the Food Shop, 26 Bearcroft, Digmoor, Skelmersdale and that he would remove himself from the position of Vice-Chairman to speak as a Ward Councillor on this application, taking no part in the decision making process for this item only.
5. In accordance with Regulatory Procedure Rule 7(a), Councillor Finch spoke as a Ward Councillor in connection with planning application 0332/FUL relating to the Food Shop, 26 Bearcroft, Digmoor Skelmersdale).

**108 2021/1057/FUL - CHORLEY CONCRETE LIMITED, SKULL HOUSE LANE, APPLBY BRIDGE**

RESOLVED: That planning application 1057/FUL relating to Chorley Concrete Limited, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge be approved subject to the conditions and reasons as set out on pages 751 to 752 of the Book of Reports.

**109 2021/1268/FUL - 2 HARDACRE STREET, ORMSKIRK**

RESOLVED: That planning application 1268/FUL relating to 2 Hardacre Street,

Ormskirk be approved subject to the conditions and reasons as set out on page 756 of the Book of Reports.

**110 2021/1307/WL3 - 5 HOLMESWOOD ROAD, RUFFORD**

RESOLVED: That planning application 1307/WL3 relating to 5 Holmeswood Road, Rufford be approved subject to the conditions and reasons as set out on pages 760 to 761 of the Book of Reports.

**111 2021/1383/FUL - LAND TO THE WEST OF TODDS LANE, BANKS**

RESOLVED: That planning application 1383/FUL relating to Land to the West of Todds Lane, Banks be refused for the reason as set out below:-

Reason

The proposed amended design of the development would, by reason of its, scale massing and design, result in a cramped form of development which would be out of character with the area and be detrimental to the visual amenities of the street scene contrary to Policy GN3 of the West Lancashire Local Plan and the Supplementary Planning Document – Design Guide

**112 2021/0332/FUL - THE FOOD SHOP, 26 BEARNCROFT, SKELMERSDALE**

RESOLVED: That planning application 0332/FUL relating to The Food Shop, 26 Bearncroft, Skelmersdale be deferred to allow for further negotiations regarding highway matters with Lancashire County Council to take place.

**113 2021/1308/WL3 - 7 MANOR CRESCENT, BURSCOUGH**

RESOLVED: That planning application 1308/WL3 relating to 7 Manor Crescent, Burscough be approved subject to the conditions and reasons as set out on pages 781 to 782 of the Book of Reports.

**114 PLANNING SERVICE REVIEW - UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community as contained on pages 783 to 787 of the Book of Reports the purpose of which was to outline the proposed actions and update members on progress with implementing the recommendations of the planning services review.

RESOLVED: That the agreed comments below be reported back to Cabinet:-

- (i) That it was felt that the proposed structure needed to be reconsidered with regard to Planning and Regulatory Services.
- (ii) That the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services should be a qualified Planner.

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- (iii) That all members of the Council should receive planning training before either becoming a member of Planning Committee or acting as a substitute.

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**Chairman**