

PLANNING COMMITTEE

HELD: Thursday, 5 September 2024

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 8.28 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: G Owen (Chairperson)
A Fowler (Vice-Chairperson)

Councillors: J Abbott A Blundell
A Fennell P Hogan
S Patel E Pope
L Webster J Witter

In attendance: Councillor I Rigby (Rural South)

Officers: Steven Faulkner, Planning Services Manager
Kate Jones, Planning Services Team Leader
Hollie Griffith, Planning Assistant Solicitor
Chloe McNally, Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no changes to the Membership of the Committee.

3 URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no urgent items of business received.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

5 DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

6 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director of Planning & Regulatory Services as contained on pages 11 to 84 of the Book of Reports and on pages 101 to 102 of the Late Information Report.

Notes:

1. Ward Councillor I Rigby spoke in connection with planning application 2023/0118/FUL, relating to Land off Firwood Road, Lathom, WN8 8UT.
2. Parish Councillor Roger Clayton, Ms Caroline Payne (Agent), and Ward Councillor I Rigby all spoke in connection with planning application 2023/0117/FUL, relating to Land off Firwood Road, Lathom, WN8 8UT.

a PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2023/0118/FUL - LAND OFF FIRSWOOD ROAD, LATHOM, WN8 8UT

The Assistant Director of Planning & Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2023/0118/FUL – relating to Land off Firwood Road, Lathom, WN8 8UT.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2023/0118/FUL be granted subject to a deed of variation to the original Section 106 agreement and conditions as set out by the officer recommendation.

b PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2023/0117/FUL - LAND OFF FIRSWOOD ROAD, LATHOM, WN8 8UT

The Assistant Director of Planning & Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2023/0117/FUL – relating to Land off Firwood Road, Lathom, WN8 8UT.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2023/0117/FUL be deferred for further consideration of site layout and update on affordable housing provision.

c PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0278/FUL - OTTERBROOK, MOSS LANE, CHURCHTOWN, BANKS, PR9 8AF

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0278/FUL relating to Otterbrook, Moss Lane.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0278/FUL be deferred to later meeting following abortive site visit on 3 September 2024.

d PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2023/1139/FUL - WEST LANCASHIRE LIGHT RAILWAY, STATION ROAD, HESKETH BANK, PR4 6SP

The Assistant Director of Planning & Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2023/1139/FUL – relating to West Lancashire Light Railway, Station Road, Hesketh Bank, PR4 6SP.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2023/1139/FUL be granted subject to conditions as set out by the officer recommendation.

e PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0565/FUL - HIGH PLATT FARM, GORSE LANE, TARLETON, PR4 6LH

The Assistant Director of Planning & Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0565/FUL – relating to High Platt Farm, Gorse Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6LH.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0565/FUL be refused as set out by the officer recommendation.

8 CHANGES TO PUBLIC SPEAKING PROCEDURE AT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services, as contained on pages 85 to 96 of the Book of Reports. The report outlined and proposed changes to the public speaking procedure at Planning Committee meetings, to improve the opportunity for public participation in planning decisions.

RESOLVED: That the updated public speaking procedure attached at Appendix A to the report be Approved with effect from January 2025, following the required revisions to the Council's constitution and review after 12 months.

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Chairman