

PLANNING COMMITTEE

HELD: Thursday, 21 November 2024

Start: 7.04 pm

Finish: 8.34 pm

PRESENT:

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

Councillors: J Abbott A Blundell
A Fennell S Patel
E Pope J Witter
A Owens P Hennessy

In attendance: Councillor I Rigby (Rural South)
Councillor J Gordon (Burscough Bridge and Rufford)

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

30 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

31 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of membership of Councillor L Webster, and the appointment of Councillor A Owens for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the political groups.

32 URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no urgent items of business received.

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Blundell declared a pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 7d - 2024/0708/FUL relating to Land Between 151 and 155, Southport New Road, Tarleton, PR4 6HY, as the estates company of which he's employed is selling a neighbouring property, and they therefore took no part in the decision-making process.

Councillor J Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 7e - 2024/0414/FUL relating to Land at Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Visitor Centre, Mere Sands Wood Nature Reserve, Holmeswood Road, Rufford, L40 1TG, as she is a member of the Lancashire Wildlife Trust.

34 DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of party whip.

35 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

36 **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.

Notes:

1. Ward Councillor I Rigby spoke in connection with planning application 2024/0535/FUL, relating to White Moss Road South Caravan Park, White Moss Road South, Skelmersdale, WN8 9TH.

2. Mrs Caroline Williamson spoke in connection with planning application 2024/0708/FUL, relating to Land Between 151 and 155, Southport New Road, Tarleton, PR4 6HY.

3. Parish Council Clerk Kevin Newsham, and Ward Councillor J Gordon both spoke in connection with planning application 2024/0414/FUL, relating to Land at Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Visitor Centre, Mere Sands Wood Nature Reserve, Holmeswood Road, Rufford, L40 1TG.

a **PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0535/FUL - WHITE MOSS ROAD SOUTH CARAVAN PARK, WHITE MOSS ROAD SOUTH, SKELMERSDALE, WN8 9TH**

The Assistant Director of Planning & Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0535/FUL – relating to White Moss Road South Caravan Park, White Moss Road South, Skelmersdale, WN8 9TH.

RESOLVED: A. That planning application 2024/0535/FUL be approved subject to conditions as set out in officer recommendation.

B. That an additional condition relating to foul drainage be implemented, the wording for which to be agreed with Chair.

b **PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0388/FUL - BLYTHEWOOD, DIGMOOR, SKELMERSDALE, WN8 9EN**

The Assistant Director of Planning & Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0388/FUL – relating to Blythewood, Digmoor, Skelmersdale, WN8 9EN.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0388/FUL be granted subject to conditions and legal agreement, as set out in officer

recommendation.

c PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0687/FUL - MERE COURT, RED CAT LANE, BURSCOUGH, L40 0TQ

The Assistant Director of Planning & Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0687/FUL – relating to Mere Court, Red Cat Lane, Burscough, L40 0TQ.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0687/FUL be granted subject to conditions, as set out in officer recommendation.

d PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0708/FUL - LAND BETWEEN 151 AND 155, SOUTHPORT NEW ROAD, TARLETON, PR4 6HY

The Assistant Director of Planning & Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0708/FUL – relating to Land Between 151 And 155, Southport New Road, Tarleton, PR4 6HY.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0708/FUL be deferred for site visit, at Members request.

e PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0414/FUL - LAND AT LANCASHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST, VISITOR CENTRE, MERE SANDS WOOD NATURE RESERVE, HOLMESWOOD ROAD, RUFFORD, L40 1TG

The Assistant Director of Planning & Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0414/FUL – relating to Land at Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Visitor Centre, Mere Sands Wood Nature Reserve, Holmeswood Road, Rufford, L40 1TG.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0414/FUL be deferred for site visit, at Members request.

f PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0321/FUL - LAND OFF, LEES LANE, DALTON, WN8 7RE

The Assistant Director of Planning & Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0321/FUL – relating to Land off, Lees Lane, Dalton, WN8 7RE.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0321/FUL be deferred due to the applicant being unable to attend in response to public speaking.

37 REPORT ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (NCIL) PORTION TO PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS 1 APRIL 2024 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services, as contained on pages 105 to 110 of the Book of Reports. The

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report sought to appraise Members of the allocation of the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) portion of funding to Parish/Town Councils from revenue collected by the Council between 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2024, as a result of some new development within the borough.

RESOLVED: That Members note the contents of this report.

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Chairman