

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**HELD: Thursday, 3 October 2024**

Start: 7.00pm

Finish: 9.30pm

### **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)  
Councillor T de Freitas (North Meols and Hesketh Bank)  
Councillor J Howard (North Meols and Hesketh Bank)  
Councillor J Gordon (Burscough Bridge and Rufford)  
Councillor P Hennessy (Aughton and Holborn)

Officers: Steven Faulkner, Planning Services Manager  
Kate Jones, Planning Services Team Leader  
Nicola Cook, Principal Planning Officer  
Hollie Griffith, Planning Assistant Solicitor  
Julia Brown, Democratic Services Officer

### 23 **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence received.

### 24 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no changes to Membership of the Committee.

### 25 **URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There were no urgent items of business received.

### 26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A Blundell declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 7c - 2024/0636/FUL relating to Land West of Meadow Lane, Lathom, L40 4BG, as the operator is known to him.

### 27 **DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

### 28 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> September be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services as contained on pages 7 to 146 of the Book of Reports and pages 151 to 154 of the Late Information Report.

Notes:

1. Ward Councillor Rigby spoke in connection with planning application 2023/0117/FUL, relating to Land off Firwood Road, Lathom WN8 8UT.
2. Ward Councillors T de Freitas and J Howard spoke in connection with planning application 2024/0278/FUL, relating to Otterbrook, Moss Lane, Churchtown, Banks, PR9 8AF
3. Mr Martyn Sayer spoke in connection with planning application 2024/0278/FUL, relating to Otterbrook, Moss Lane, Churchtown, Banks, PR9 8AF
4. Ward Councillor J Gordon spoke in connection with planning application 2024/0636/FUL, relating to Land West of Meadow Lane, Lathom, L40 4BG
5. Parish Councillor H Shaw spoke on behalf of Lathom Parish Council in connection with planning application 2024/0636/FUL, relating to Land West of Meadow Lane, Lathom, L40 4BG
6. Liza Berry spoke on behalf of Residents Group in connection with planning application 2024/0636/FUL, relating to Land West of Meadow Lane, Lathom, L40 4BG
7. Liz Nelson spoke in connection with with planning application 2024/0636/FUL, relating to Land West of Meadow Lane, Lathom, L40 4BG
8. The Applicant Mr A Webster spoke in connection with planning application 2024/0636/FUL, relating to Land West of Meadow Lane, Lathom, L40 4BG
9. Mr A Bond and Mrs A Bond spoke in connection with planning application 2024/0615/FUL, relating to Land North of Carr Lane, Tarleton PR4 6BX
10. The Applicant Mr N Walker spoke in connection with planning application 2024/0615/FUL, relating to Land North of Carr Lane, Tarleton PR4 6BX
11. Ward Councillor P Hennessy spoke in connection with planning application 2024/0368/FUL, relating to Hilltop, 42 Turnpike Road, Aughton L39 3LF
12. Ms J Keogh spoke on behalf of Mr & Mrs H & J Snape in connection with planning application 2024/0368/FUL, relating to Hilltop, 42 Turnpike Road, Aughton L39 3LF
13. Ms S Rolfe, Exceptional Care, spoke on behalf of the applicant in connection with planning application 2024/0368/FUL, relating to Hilltop, 42 Turnpike Road, Aughton L39 3LF

**a PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2023/0117/FUL - LAND OFF FIRSWOOD ROAD**

The Assistant Director of Planning and 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 approved subject to conditions as set out in the officer recommendation.

**b PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0278/FUL - OTTERBROOK, MOSS LANE PR9 8AF**

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0278/FUL, relating to Otterbrook, Moss Lane PR9 8AF.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0278/FUL be approved subject to conditions as set out in the officer recommendation.

**c PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0636/FUL - LAND WEST OF MEADOW LANE, LATHOM**

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0636/FUL relating to Land West of Meadow Lane, Lathom L40 4BG.

The Planning Services Manager advised Members that the Applicant had recently submitted a noise and transport report. He advised Members that the item could be deferred if they wished or proceed with the item. He informed that the officer recommendation remained.

Members voted 9 in favour to continue with the application and 1 abstention,

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0636/FUL be refused.

**d PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0615/FUL - LAND NORTH OF CARR LANE, TARLETON**

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0615/FUL relating to Land North of Carr Lane, Tarleton PR4 6BX.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0615/FUL be granted subject to conditions as set out in the officer recommendation.

**e PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0368/FUL - HILLTOP, 42 TURNPIKE ROAD, AUGHTON**

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0368/FUL relating to Hilltop, 42 Turnpike Road, Aughton L39 3LF.

The Planning Assistant Solicitor advised Members that the planning application submitted listed details of the incorrect applicant.

The applicant was listed as – Mr Ryan Bell and the Company Name as Meliora Care Limited.

The applicant is in fact Meliora Care Services Ltd which is registered to an address

in Scarisbrick. It is noted that Mr Ryan Bell has been previously registered as a director of this company but resigned in March 2024. The address contained within the planning application form is the Scarisbrick address.

The Planning Officers are certain that they have been corresponding with the correct applicant, and Mr Bell has apologised and confirmed this is an inadvertent error, and that he still has an active role in the company.

An application had been received to change the applicant's name to reflect the correct company 'Meliora Care Services Ltd' and she asked members to confirm that they approve this amendment.

Members unanimously agreed to proceed with determining the above said planning application and making the amendment.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0368/FUL be granted subject to conditions as set out in the officer recommendation and late information.

**f PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0639/FUL - BRUFFS FARM, DRUMMERSDALE LANE, SCARISBRICK**

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0639/FUL relating to Bruffs Farm, Drummersdale Lane, Scarisbrick L40 9RD.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0639/FUL be granted subject to conditions as set out by the officer recommendation.

**g PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2023/1116/FUL - WATER TOWER, TOWER HILL, ORMSKIRK**

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2023/1116/FUL relating to Water Tower, Tower Hill Road, Ormskirk L39 2EE.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2023/1116/FUL be approved subject to conditions as set out by the officer recommendation.

**h PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 2024/0633/FUL - FORMER UNIVERSAL BULK HANDLING LTD, ORRELL LANE, BURSCOUGH**

The Assistant Director of Planning and Regulatory Services submitted a report on planning application 2024/0633/FUL relating to Former Universal Bulk Handling Ltd, Orrell Lane, Burscough L40 0SL.

RESOLVED: That planning application 2024/0633/FUL be approved subject to conditions as set out by the officer recommendation and verbal update:

" The development shall be constructed in accordance with the site-specific verification report approved under ref: 2024/0408/CON. The scheme shall thereafter be maintained in perpetuity.

Reason; To ensure that flood risks from development to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those risks to controlled waters, property and ecological systems, and to ensure that the development as constructed is compliant with the requirements of Paragraphs 167 and 169 of the National Planning Policy Framework and to accord with the provisions of Policy GN3 in the adopted West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 Development Plan Document.”

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**Chairman**