

PLANNING COMMITTEE

HELD: Thursday, 13 April 2017

Start: 7.30 P.M.

Finish: 9.50 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor: G. Dowling (Chairman)
C. Cooper (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: I. Ashcroft
Mrs P Baybutt
T. Devine
D. Evans
J. Gordon
M. Mills

D. O'Toole
R. Pendleton
A. Pritchard
Mrs. M. Westley
D. Westley
A. Yates

Officers: Director of Development and Regeneration (Mr. J. Harrison)
Head of Development Management (Mrs. C. Thomas)
Legal and Member Services Manager (Mr. M. Jones)
Principal Planning Officer (Miss. T. Maguire)
Member Services/Civic Support Officer (Mrs. J.A. Ryan)

In attendance: Councillor Cotterill (Bickerstaffe Ward)
Councillor Delaney (Scott Ward)

75 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

76 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of Councillors C. Marshall and Pope and the appointment of Councillors Westley and Gordon for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

77 URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no urgent items of business.

78 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Director of Development and Regeneration, Mr. J. Harrison declared an interest in respect of planning application 2016/1317/WL3 as the application was for land under the ownership of the Council which was being dealt within his Directorate and would therefore leave the Chamber during consideration of this item.

79 DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no Declarations of Party Whip.

80 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 9 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

81 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Director of Development and Regeneration, submitted a report on planning applications (all prefixed 2016 unless otherwise stated) as contained on pages 1334 to 1469 of the Book of Reports and on pages 1493 to 1496 giving details of late information and on page 1499 giving details of additional late information.

RESOLVED A. That the under-mentioned planning applications be approved subject to the conditions in the report:-

1317/WL3; 2017/0038/FUL;

B. That in respect of planning application 2015/0904/FUL relating to Burscough AFC, Victoria Park, Mart Lane, Burscough:-

(i) That the decision to grant planning permission be delegated to the Director of Development and Regeneration, in consultation with the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee subject to the applicant entering into an obligation under S.106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to secure the provision of:-

Submission of an annual car parking strategy;
The use of the wintering bird migration land in perpetuity

(ii) That pursuant to recommendation (i) above having been satisfied, the application is referred to the Secretary of State for determination.

(iii) That subject to the application not being "called in" by the Secretary of State pursuant to (i) above, any planning permission granted by the Director of Development and Regeneration be subject to the conditions as set down on pages 1396 to 1401 of the Book of Reports but with Conditions 2 and 3 being amended as set out on page 1494 of the Late Information Report.

C. That planning application 1318/FUL relating to Land North of Junction with Liverpool Road South, Pippin Street, Burscough be approved subject to the conditions in the report but with the amendment of Conditions 4, 5, 6 and 9 as set out on page 1495 of the Late Information Report.

- D. That planning application 0078/FUL relating to 32 Ainscough Drive, Burscough be refused for the following reason:-

The proposed development conflicts with NPPF, Policy GN3 and EN2 of the West Lancashire Local Plan in that the loss of the frontage landscaping would have a detrimental impact on the character and appearance of the application property and the surrounding area. Furthermore, it would set a precedent that if repeated elsewhere would give rise to a significant adverse impact on the overall character and appearance of the estate associated with the nearby listed mill building.

- E. That planning application 1027/FUL relating to Land Rear of 153 to 167A Blaguegate Lane, Firwood Road, Lathom be deferred for one cycle to allow Officers to make sure all relevant correspondence is available to the public on the Council's Website.
- F. That planning application 0866/FUL relating to Houseboat Green Matters, Chapel Lane, Parbold be refused for the following reason:-
- Due to its siting and prominent location on the canal bank, the proposed stable block would be harmful to both the openness and visual amenity of this part of the green belt, contrary to the NPPF and policies GN1 and GN3 of the West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 Development Plan Document.
- G. That planning application 0479/FUL relating to Land Rear of 14A New Cut Lane, Halsall be deferred to seek clarification as to drainage issues.
- H. That planning application 1173/FUL relating to 14A New Cut Lane, Halsall be deferred to seek clarification as to drainage issues.
- I. That planning application 0077/FUL relating to 32 Ainscough Drive, Burscough be granted.

(Notes:

1. The Director of Development and Regeneration had declared an interest in respect of planning application 1317/WL3 relating to Land to the West of 15 Laburnum Drive, Skelmersdale and therefore left the Chamber during consideration of this item).
2. In accordance with the procedure for public speaking on planning applications on this Committee, members of the public spoke in connection with planning applications 0479/FUL, 2015/0904/FUL
3. Parish Clerk D. Bond from Halsall Parish Council spoke in connection with Planning Applications 0479/FUL.

4. Councillor Delaney left the meeting at the conclusion of planning application 2015/0904/FUL relating to Burscough AFC, Victoria Park, Mart Lane, Burscough and was not present for the remainder of the meeting.
5. Councillor Cotterill left the meeting at the conclusion of planning application 1027/FUL Land Rear of 153 to 167QA Blaguegate Lane, Firswood Road, Lathom and was not present for the remainder of the meeting.)

82 **PUBLIC SPEAKING AT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor as contained on pages 1483 to 1492 of the Book of Reports the purpose of which was to note the success of the current Planning Committee Public Speaking Procedure and to recommend its continuation subject to minor amendments.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the success of the current Planning Committee Public Speaking Procedure be noted.
 - B. That the Public Involvement in Meetings Working Group be informed that Planning Members wish to continue with the current Public Speaking Procedure, subject to the minor amendments indicated at Appendix 1 of the Report.

- CHAIRMAN -