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## **Councillors Present**

David Brannen Martin Doyle Dorothy Kerry Bill Pryce (Chair) David Yates

## Also present:

Isabel Crozier - Assistant Clerk (taking minutes), Sue Hake – Clerk Cllr Nicholas Tyndale (left part-way through item 2021/PC/005), 5 members of the public (3 left part-way through item 2021/PC/005)

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on THURSDAY 28 May 2020 at 7.30pm Venue: remote meeting via www.zoom.us due to coronavirus restrictions

- 2021/PC/001 To receive and accept apologies for absence No apologies have been received.
- 2021/PC/002 To receive declarations of interest and dispensations
  - a) To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda None
  - b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests None.
  - c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate None
- 2021/PC/003 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2020 **CONFIRMED:** Proposed Cllr Brannen, seconded Cllr Kerry, unanimous that the minutes be approved as a true record
- 2021/PC/004 Public Participation to receive petitions, comments and questions
  Mrs Janet Carpenter, Secretary, Frogmore Park Homes Ltd, spoke about the
  concerns that residents of site have over the proposed development of land at
  the rear of 4a Frogmore. These concerns were based on the impact it would
  have to the access road and loss of privacy through the removal of the fence.
- 2021/PC/005 To consider and agree comments on major planning applications, planning applications, appeal notifications, tree work, consultations as on the Planning List
  - a) Major planning applications Planning application to build 8, two bedroom houses at Land rear of 4a Frogmore, 5/2020/0807. This was discussed at length with input from Janet Carpenter.

**Agreed:** Proposed Cllr Pryce, seconded Cllr Yates, votes for:4, votes against: 1, abstained: 0 that the committee recommend the application, 5/2020/0807, with the

caveat that the access road to Frogmore Home Park is not obstructed at any time.

- b) Planning applications comments as recorded on planning list
- c) Appeal notifications none
- d) Tree work- comments as recorded on planning list
- e) Consultations none

RESOLVED: Proposed Cllr Kerry, seconded Cllr Yates, unanimous that the Planning List comments as recorded on the Planning List May 2020 be agreed.

2021/PC/006 To note appeal decisions, certificates of lawfulness, prior notifications, decisions, as on the Planning List Noted

## 2021/PC/007 To receive reports

- a) Enforcement updates
  - i) Concerns continue to be raised about the large number of caravans and conditions at Woodview Lodge/Hoofprints, off Lye Lane, Bricket Wood. It was highlighted that Health and Safety laws are not being adhered to and this could lead to serious implications. In addition, evidence of human excrement has been found nearby raising environmental health concerns. **ACTION:** Cllr Kerry to again write to the MP asking her to lobby government to act on changing legislation to ensure that the Caravan Sites Act is enforced on traveller sites as it is for other mobile home sites. Cllr Yates to circulate planning policy for traveller sites and Cllr Brannen to circulate a copy of the Caravan Sites Act.
  - ii) Verulam Angling Club have erected notices and roped off paths and access to the lakes at Frogmore Pits due to concerns over the spread of Covid-19. Cllr Pryce spoke to a representative of the club and they agreed to amend signage.

**ACTION:** Cllr Pryce to set up a meeting with Cllrs Whittaker and Yates, the Angling Club and site owners, Tarmac, to discuss the management of the site.

- b) Strategic Rail Freight Interchange No update on the Rail Freight Interchange but SADC are discussing the best way to progress with the changes required to the Draft Local Plan.
- c) Neighbour Plan update The steering group plan to hold a virtual meeting shortly. **ACTION:** Assistant Clerk to change the version of the draft NP on the website to the most recent version.

Cllr Pryce expressed the Councils pleasure in the news that planning permission had been

granted for the development of Bricket vyood Rail Station, in effect it is a change of use froi
a rail station to a resource centre with kitchen, toilets, learning hub and archive room.
The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Date

Chairman