

Minutes

Planning Committee Tuesday, 18th July, 2023

Attendance

Cllr Mynott (Chair)	Cllr Gelderbloem
Cllr M Cuthbert (Vice-Chair)	Cllr Gorton
Cllr Dr Barrett	Cllr Heard
Cllr Bridge	Cllr McCheyne
Cllr Mrs N Cuthbert	Cllr Munden
Cllr Mrs Francois	Cllr Mrs Murphy

Apologies

Substitute Present

Also Present

Cllr Lockhart
Cllr Parker

Officers Present

Phil Drane	- Director - Place
Caroline Corrigan	- Corporate Manager (Planning Development Management)
Zoe Borman	- Governance and Member Support Officer
Brooke Pride	- Planning Officer

98. Apologies for Absence

No apologies had been received.

99. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th June 2023 were approved as a true record.

100. APPLICATION NO: 23/00591/PNTEL TELECOMS INSTALLATION ADJACENT TO 2 ORCHARD AVENUE BRENTWOOD ESSEX

This application had been reported to the Planning Committee in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

Ms Brooke Pride presented the report.

Cllr Barrett, Ward Councillor, spoke in favour of the application.

Cllr Bridge **MOVED** that the application be **APPROVED**. This was **SECONDED** by Cllr Mynott.

Members voted as follows:

For: Cllrs Dr Barrett, Bridge, M Cuthbert, N Cuthbert, Francois, Gelderbloem, Gorton, Heard, McCheyne, Munden, Murphy, Mynott (12)

AGAINST: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

The application was **APPROVED**.

101. APPLICATION NO: 23/00480/FUL LEGH COTTAGE HORSEMAN SIDE NAVESTOCK ROMFORD ESSEX RM4 1DN

This application had been referred to committee following a request from Navestock Parish Council. When submitting its request, the Parish Council said the following:

- The design of the dwellings are sympathetic to the rural setting.
- The proposed dwellings are not inappropriate development in this area of the Parish where the property in question is nestled in between 5 traveller sites.
- These 2 well designed dwellings will not impact on the openness of the greenbelt, but in fact will enhance an area where greenbelt policies and its openness have been ignored by those who have purchased the surrounding land.
- Its position offers accessibility to nearby amenities by car.

Ms Brooke Pride presented the report.

The Applicant, Mr Paul Buckley, was present at the meeting and spoke in support of his application.

Cllr Parker, Ward Councillor, was also present at the meeting and spoke in favour of the application.

Cllr Gelderbloem, addressed the Committee as Chairman of Navestock Parish Council and Ward Councillor, expanding on the reasons for the referral.

Cllr Mynott **MOVED** and Cllr M Cuthbert **SECONDED** that the application be **REFUSED**.

Members requested whether the highways issues highlighted in the report could be dealt with under Conditions. Officers confirmed this was not possible.

Following discussion Members voted as follows:

FOR: Cllrs Dr Barrett, M Cuthbert, N Cuthbert, Gorton, Munden, Mynott (6)

AGAINST: Cllrs Bridge, Francois, Heard, McCheyne, Murphy (5)

ABSTAIN: (0)

The application was **REFUSED**.

[Cllr Gelderbloem declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chairman of Navestock Parish Council and withdrew from the vote.]

102. Planning Appeal Performance Statistics (2022/23)

This report reproduced data extracted from nationally published appeal performance figures for planning authorities in Essex for the twelve months up to March 2023.

This supplements regular appeal updates provided to the committee.

Mr Drane summarised the report.

Members welcomed this report and noted its contents.

103. Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting concluded at 19.50.

