

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 06.11.23.

Present: Pat Crane, Nic Lockley, Colin Oakes (Chair), Bobbie Treadwell, Paul Treadwell

1. **Minutes:** of the meeting held on 2nd October 2023 were agreed & signed.

2. **Planning Applications:** 18th October – 6th November

1. **Ref:** 23/01001/HOU 15 Lynwood Close, Desford
Details: Replacement infill extension between dwelling and garage
Decision: no objection
2. **Ref:** 23/01031/TCA 56 Main Street, Desford
Details: T1 Acer Drumundii – fell; T2 Ash – shorten low branch adjacent to neighbour's garage; T3 Acer Crimson King – remove lowest limb
Decision: no objection
3. **Ref:** 23/01020/OUT Field Maple House, 34 Lindridge Lane, Desford
Details: Outline planning permission for the construction of up to 5 dwelling houses (some matters reserved except for access)
Decision: no objection
4. **Ref:** 23/01026/HOU 9 Goulton Crescent, Desford
Details: Part two storey and single storey rear extension and alteration to the dwelling
Decision: no objection

Appeals:

1. **Ref:** 22/00752/OUT APP/K2420/W/23/3327377 Forest Hill Gplf and Country Club, Markfield Lane, Botcheston
Details: Proposed 98 bed hotel with leisure facility & spa (Class C1) outline – access to be considered only
Date of hearing: 06.12.23.

It was noted that appeals have been lodged against the HBBC Planning Committee refusals for Desford Lane, Ratby (225 houses) and Brascote Lane, Newbold Verdon (239 houses).

3. **Neighbourhood Plan:**

- a. Gary Kirk is chasing the responses to the SEA.
- b. Bernard had written to Dr Luke Evans MP, and he has offered to meet representatives to discuss the government's support for Neighbourhood Plans. Bernard will be asked to accept the offer and arrange a convenient date and venue. Several members of the Planning Committee and Neighbourhood Plan Working Group are interested in attending once the date is known.
- c. An email had been received from Roger King, on behalf of Newbold Verdon Neighbourhood Plan Group suggesting that parishes along the B582 form a Community Pressure Group to build up pressure on our politicians through a

public campaign. It was agreed that we would be willing to support such a group.

4. **Davidsons:** a press release had been issued following the disappointing result of the appeal.
5. **Jelsons:** there has been no update since planning permission was refused.
6. **Griffen:** work continues to construct the access road and they have permission for traffic lights to control traffic until January 2024, although this may be completed earlier. The vandalism to the fencing continues to be of concern. It was suggested that they consider the installation of infra-red cameras.
7. **Owl Homes:** the work to correct the access junction and to create the pedestrian access cannot proceed until they get LCC permission to have traffic lights again. As the visibility splays are still not correct and the last house is almost complete, it was agreed to write to Clare Mellor rather than wait for the Griffen lights to be removed.
8. **Imposition of 40mph speed limit on Peckleton Lane:** One resident is still asking for more VAS to be installed on Peckleton Lane, but the Parish Council has no money budgeted for this. The Clerk will be asked to respond to the resident.
9. **Co-op revised plan:** a meeting had been held with representatives of the Co-op and Everards. As a result, they had sent a revised design for the Main Street frontage, which was agreed to be more in keeping with the Conservation Area. They had also agreed to ask their traffic consultants to address our concerns for road safety. The Clerk will be asked to chase the promised report.
10. **Members Exchange:**
 - a. Cllr Lockley thought that a Friendly Bench would be unsuitable for the grassed area on Main Street. She suggested (if planning permission is granted) that we ask instead for either replacement planters with seats, or a stone-built raised bed, with a surround which could be used to sit on.
 - b. Cllr Oakes said that he wished to resign as Chair of the Planning Committee. A new Chair will be appointed by full Council at their next meeting.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th December at 6.30pm.

Signed: Date: