

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

### Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Present:** Estelle Clark, Pat Crane, Colin Oakes, Bobbie Treadwell, Paul Treadwell

**Apologies:** none

1. **Minutes:** of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December were agreed and signed
2. **Planning Applications: 19<sup>th</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January**
  1. **Ref:** 24/01145/FUL land to the rear of Valley View, Station Road, Desford  
**Details:** erection of a bungalow  
**Decision:** Object on the grounds that:
    - it is outside the settlement boundary. If permission is granted it will set a precedent for further applications on the north side of Station Road until there is no green wedge between Desford and Newtown Unthank.
    - Dangerous access close to a bend onto a busy B classified road, where vehicles are known to exceed the 30mph speed limit both up and down the hill
    - The existing access is only a gate into a field with an unmade track. The dilapidated state of the barn indicates that there has been no traffic entering or leaving this site for a long time.
    - It will not “encourage sustainable modes of transport”; just the opposite. To reach the village centre and its facilities, the occupiers are unlikely to walk this distance uphill. They will use a car. There is mention of allowing residents to cut through the garden of Valley View. This is not marked on the submitted plan. Have the owners of Valley View agreed to this? Even with a “short-cut” the walk will still be unacceptable to reach the shops, doctors, Primary School etc (except to Bosworth Academy).
    - The applicant quotes the need for more houses, but Desford has already exceeded our quota up till 2040. The development of 120 dwellings (Davidsons) and 60 dwellings (Jelsons) have both been granted permission in the last 12 months.
  2. **Ref:** 24/01137/TPO Rotherwood, Station Road, Desford  
**Details:** G16no. Gleditsia tricanthos – pollard at approx. 15-20ft. T1 Acer psuedoplatanus – pollard at trifurcation approx. 30ft  
**Decision:** no objection
3. **Neighbourhood Plan sub-committee:** there was no meeting this month.
4. **Davidsons:** The Clerk had sent Council’s permission for Davidsons to use a small section of Parish Council owned land to enable a footpath to be created across the front of Kirkby Road Recreation Ground. There were conditions attached to the permission and Cllr Crane will ask the Clerk to forward any correspondence to show that Davidsons accept the conditions.

**5. Social media:** no suitable items at present

**6. Members Exchange:** Cllr Clark reported that the footings had been dug at the cattery site.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 6.30pm at the Library

Chairman:

Date: