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MINUTES

Planning Committee Meeting

Monday 4th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Held remotely via Zoom

1. **Present:** Mr Hindle (Chair), Mr Collings, Mrs Shaw, Mr Rush and Mr Hill
2. **Councillors' declarations of interest:** None
3. Minutes of the meeting of 5th October 2020 were confirmed as a true record.
4. **ESC decisions received since the meeting of 5th October 2020:**
 - APPEAL AP/20/0048/REFUSE Kersey Croft Kennels Strugglers Lane: **Appeal dismissed.**
 - DC/20/3781/FUL 1 The Fairways Rose Hill Witnesham: PC No objections, **ESC Permitted.**
 - DC/20/3610/FUL Witnesham Nursing Home: PC Did not object and asked for condition on time allowed on site, **ESC Permitted with conditions.**
 - DC/20/3071/VOC Fynn Valley Golf Club: PC supported; **ESC permitted.**
 - DC/20/3187/FUL Plot 13 Development at Fynn Valley Golf Course: PC supported; **ESC permitted.**
 - DC/20/3581/FUL Homeland House Ashbocking Road Swilland: PC objected; **ESC Permitted with environmental check conditions plus potential enforcement.**

Further to the Homelands House site application, a member of the public had drawn attention to the Parish Council that ESC had agreed the temporary (until 31st January 2021) relaxation of planning conditions allowing the parking of vehicles on the site. The Parish Council wrote to ESC Planning on 7th December expressing disappointment in the relaxation of conditions and that it had not been consulted on this. Furthermore, it asked ESC to not to extend the relaxation beyond 31st January and to inform both the Parish Council and ward Councillor of the situation by 5 February 2021.

ESC response on 8th December was :

"The operator at the site contacted East Suffolk Council directly requesting to be allowed to store vehicles on the land for a limited

period. This request was made due to the economic situation related to the Covid-19 pandemic. The vehicles are being stored on site temporarily whilst they are disposed of.

East Suffolk Councils planning manager agreed to the short-term storage due to the current circumstances but placed a time limit on the storage as the end of January 2021. If after the end of January, the vehicles remain stored at the site Planning enforcement will explore the need for enforcement action."

5. Planning Applications for Consideration

- a) Application: DC/20/4974/ROC **Hillbrow Farm Tuddenham Lane Witnesham** Removal of Condition 5 on planning permission C/07/2071 - Conversion of granary to form holiday let (resubmission). To permit the use of the approved holiday let as a single residential dwelling.

Chair gave an overview of the application including the alleged non-viability of the holiday let and reminded the committee that a similar application had been submitted in 2016, which PC had supported but SCDC refused. Committee comments followed.

Decision: PC supports the application and asks that any future development of the site is limited to the existing curtilage.

- b) Application: DC/20/4620/FUL **4 Jubys Hill Upper Street Witnesham** Rear Extension creating additional kitchen and living space with bedroom over and side extension with utility space at ground floor with bedroom over, works to include front porch canopy.

After discussion, the following decision was agreed:

Decision: PC considered that there were no issues in principle, hence supported, however it would be preferable to see a continuation of the roof ridge along the full front elevation.

6. **To consider a Neighbourhood Plan** – It was agreed that the first step would be to liaise with ESC. Clerk to make contact with ESC, without commitment via the Planning Policy and Delivery Team. **It was agreed to seek someone from ESC to meet and give a short presentation on Neighbourhood Plans at the March PC meeting.**

7. **To consider possible solutions for future paperless planning meetings.** Clerk reported that there was no update due to other priority work and the prospect of the continuation of remote meetings for some time ahead. Deferred as agenda item for the next meeting.

8. **Matters to be brought to the attention of the Planning Committee** – Mr Rush asked about the lease for the Play Area with SCC and attendees agreed to check if they could locate this document. Chair reminded the meeting about the Open Spaces Survey sent in December and Clerk would liaise with chair and members to complete the survey.

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The meeting had no information on why the Street Farm application had been withdrawn.

Chair asked if the Clerk could seek a hard copy of the ESC Local Plan.

Meeting closed at 8:25 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. H. S.', written in a cursive style.

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