

Minutes of Planning Committee

Meeting date Thursday, 25 April 2024

Members present: Councillors Elaine Stringfellow (Vice-Chair), Will Adams, Matthew Farnworth, David Shaw, Phil Smith, Kath Unsworth, Damian Bretherton, Keith Martin, John Rainsbury and Wesley Roberts

Officers: Elizabeth Hindle (Head of Planning and Enforcement), Catherine Thomas (Planning Manager), Tasneem Safdar (Head of Legal and Procurement), Sushma Nayee (Solicitor), Chris Sowerby (Development Planning Team Leader) and Coral Astbury (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

Other members: Councillor David Howarth and attending virtually, Councillors Angela Turner, Karen Walton and Lesley Pritchard

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222 Welcome and Introduction

The Vice Chair, Councillor Elaine Stringfellow, welcomed members of the public to the meeting, introduced the committee and explained that the meeting was being livestreamed to YouTube.

223 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Caleb Tomlinson – substituted by Councillor Keith Martin
Councillor Haydn Williams – substituted by Councillor Wesley Roberts
Councillor Mary Green – substituted by Councillor John Rainsbury
Councillor Peter Mullineaux – substituted by Councillor Damian Bretherton

224 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

225 Minutes of meeting Thursday, 21 March 2024 of Planning Committee

Resolved: (For: 6, Abstain: 4)

That the minutes of the last meeting, held Thursday 21 March 2024, be agreed as an accurate record for signing by the Chair.

226 Appeal Decisions

The Planning Manager advised of two decisions which had recently been considered by the Planning Inspector.

The first decision was for The Fields on Long Moss Lane in Whitestake, the inspector found that the proposal conflicts with the development plan and the material considerations did not indicate that the appeal should be decided other than in accordance with it. The appeal was dismissed.

The second decision was for the demolition of an agricultural building and replacement with a dwelling at Fairfield, Long Moss Lane, Whitestake. The inspector found that there would be significant harm to the Green Belt and the very special circumstances necessary to justify inappropriate development in the Green Belt did not exist. The appeal was dismissed.

227 07/2024/00110/FUL - 55 Liverpool Road, Penwortham

Registered speakers: one objector and Councillor David Howarth

Address: 55 Liverpool Road,
Penwortham,
Preston,
Lancashire PR1 9XD

Applicant: Mr Andy Kirkham

Agent: Mr Khalid Khan

Development: Change of use of ground floor from retail (Class (e))
to a Hot Food Takeaway (sui generis) together with
the installation of an extraction flue vent to rear

An amendment to defer the application, was proposed by Councillor Will Adams and seconded by Councillor Keith Martin.

It was subsequently,

Resolved: (For: 9 Against: 1)

That the application be deferred to allow Officer's to investigate and report Penwortham Town Council's response and for greater consideration to be given to the inter-relationship between the proposed flue vent and neighbouring residential flats.

228 07/2024/00150/FUL - Family Wellbeing Centre, Wilkinson Street, Lostock Hall

Registered speakers: None

Address: Family Wellbeing Centre,
Wilkinson Street,
Lostock Hall,

Preston,
Lancashire PR5 5BP

Applicant: Mr David Taylor

Agent: Mr Jason Ascroft

Development: Siting of storage container unit to car park area adjacent to Family Wellbeing Centre for storage of donated baby items

The officers' recommendation to approve the application, subject to the imposition of conditions outlined within the report was proposed by Councillor Will Adams and seconded by Councillor Keith Martin.

It was subsequently;

Resolved: (For: 10)

That the application be approved with conditions, as per the officers recommendations.

Chair

Date