

MINUTES of the proceedings at a Meeting of the **DEVELOPMENT & MARKET COMMITTEE** held at Fakenham Connect, Oak Street, Fakenham on **MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2017**, at 5.30pm

Present:

Cllr T Duffy (Chairman, Presiding)

Cllrs, G. Acheson, J Sandford-Cooke, C Rockett, J Dougall, R Crook, R Smith, M Coates and G Thorpe.

Linda Jennings – Town Clerk

Two members of the public

188 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs A. Vertigan.

189 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sandford-Cooke declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8a.

190 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 January 2017, having been circulated, were On the proposition of Cllr G Acheson, seconded by Cllr R Smith, AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

191 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

192 TO ADJOURN THE MEETING FOR ELECTOR'S QUESTIONS

There were no Electors questions.

193 TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

PA 4126 (PF/16/1693) – Mr & Mrs J Goward – Demolition of single-storey extension and erection of two-storey side and single-storey front extensions - 21 Digby Drive NR21 9QZ

Cllrs offered no objection or comment

PA 4127 (PF/17/0074) – Mr Rupert Kirby – Change of use of first floor shop to provide additional floor space for existing ground floor unit – 35 Upper Market NR21 9BX

Cllrs supported the application

PA 4128 (LA/17/0075) - Mr Rupert Kirby – Works to facilitate conversion of first floor to shop – 35 Upper Market NR21 9BX

Cllrs supported the application.

194 TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

PA4110 (PF/16/1462) – Lumino International Ltd. – Demolition of former job centre and erection of 10 dwellings – Land on the west side of Baron's Hall Lane
(*At D&M meeting on 7 November 2016 Cllrs objected on the grounds of over development and concerns about the car parking. Also, concerns for safety on the already heavily used road due to the close proximity to the infant school*)

PERMIT

PA4119 (PF/16/1604) – Paul Adcock – Part change of use of building to gymnasium (D2) and sports therapy clinic – Unit A, 1 George Edwards Road, NR21 8NL

(*At D&M meeting on 9 January 2017 Cllrs offered no objection and no comment*)

PERMIT

195 MARKET TOLL GRANTS

The following application for a Market Tolls Grant was considered:
Fakenham Junior School Get Well Bell Appeal, to refurbish the school bell and its tower. Cllr Sandford-Cooke reported that the school are currently looking at more quotations for the repairs. This will be discussed at March D & M meeting.

196 REQUEST TO DISPLAY ADVERTISING BANNERS IN FAKENHAM

Hughes Electrical of Fakenham has requested permission to advertise on the barriers at the junction of Norwich Street and Norwich Road. This is not in the power of the Town Council and the Council would not encourage advertising on the barriers. The Clerk will reply to Hughes. Cllr Rockett suggested an electronic notice board with seating on the spare patch of land at between the Library and Drifters. The notice board could have a map showing all the shops in Fakenham. The Clerk will speak to Norfolk County Council to determine ownership of the land.

197 PLANNING PERMISSION FOR FAKENHAM BOWMEN

Fakenham Bowmen have requested that the Town Council applies for Planning Permission to continue the use of land at Trap Lane for the siting of a storage container. The cost for permission will be £97.50. Councillors agreed to go ahead.

198 TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Monday 20 February 2017 at 5.30pm

199 TO ALLOW THE PRINCIPLE OF FAKENHAM ACADEMY TO INFORM COUNCILLORS OF THE PROPOSALS FOR THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

- Mr Parr-Burman informed the Council that a display of the proposals for the new Sixth Form is in the Library. The current Sixth Form will be relocating to the Field Lane Academy site from September 2017.
- The Highfield site will be handed back to Norfolk County Council. Mr Parr-Burman felt the Academy has a moral duty to ensure the Highfield is looked after and not left to go derelict. The main Georgian section of Highfield House, the tennis courts and the gardens are all Grade II listed.
- Currently there are around 1200 pupils at the Academy and Sixth Form. Numbers had dropped over recent years although there is now an increase. Councillors asked if there would be enough capacity should the building of 900 houses goes ahead. Mr Parr-Burman explained that the current guide lines are for every 100 houses built 17 students would need a place. The school has not reached capacity and could accommodate these potential pupils. The Academy currently has 84% catchment. Cllr Sandford-Cooke stated that the Infant and Junior Schools are at capacity.
- Councillors asked if car parking for the Sixth Form Students would be a problem on Field Lane. Mr Parr-Burman confirmed that extra car parking spaces will be made available.
- Mr Parr-Burman outlined plans for the future with possible demolition of the bungalow in 2020.
- Councillors were concerned at the loss of green space. Mr Parr-Burman assured Councillors that there would be enough space available for all activities. He also said that they would be increasing Physical Education for Sixth Form students.
- Councillors have asked for a site visit of the Academy – this will be arranged with the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 18:35 pm

CONFIRMED this

day of

2017.

CHAIRMAN