

LITTLE ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Planning Committee Meeting held by Zoom videoconference on Monday 5 October 2020 at 7:00pm.

Present Ms Pattinson (Chair), Mr Allum (RA), Dr Archer (VAA), Mrs Bolden joined at 7:20pm, Mr Brunning (PB) joined at 7:45pm, Dr I Smith (IS), Dr R Smith (RS), Mrs Dalton (Clerk).

In attendance. Two members of the public joined the session.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** None
- 2. Declaration of Interests.** PB and IS live opposite the site of the proposed Bancroft Farm development.
- 3. S/3921/19/FL Bancroft Farm, Church Lane, Little Abington.** Erection of 6 dwellings and change of use and conversion of 2 agricultural barns to office space (Use Class B1(a) following the demolition of agricultural buildings and removal of hardstanding and associated works. (Re-submission of S1388/19/FL)

Public Participation.

The Parish Council had received five letters of objection.

The members of the public and IS addressed the meeting. They opposed the development. Although there had been some changes to the application there were still concerns about encroachment onto the PVAA, road safety, parking and layout and loss of views, including the rural aspect. The effectiveness of the proposed landscape buffer was not convincing and there were queries about long term responsibility for managing and maintaining hedges and trees.

IS was moved from the meeting to the Waiting Room

Decision

It was felt that the amendments were largely cosmetic and there were still significant concerns. There was unanimous agreement to continue to object to the application. The key points were encroachment onto PVAA, layout, maintenance of the internal road, offices, impact on green space and biodiversity, flooding, parking and road safety.

Conditions, should the application be approved, also needed to be considered.

PB joined and IS re-joined the meeting at 7:45pm

4. 20/03631/HFULP. 9 West Field Little Abington

Ground floor rear extension, loft conversion, new dormer window & internal alterations.

Public Participation

The applicant outlined the application. He felt the development would have minimal impact on neighbours on either side.

Decision

LAPC was not aware of any objections. It supported the application noting the need to ensure materials used were in keeping with the rest of the building and with

properties nearby. The householder would need to be aware of any covenants on the property.

5. Local Plan update

5.1 Call for sites including

- PVAA Meadow - Church Lane/Cambridge Road/Bancroft Farm
- Meadow –(check protected status) High Street
- Field - land south of Bourn Bridge Road

LAPC was not represented at the sessions to discuss site selection and next steps. It was noted that of the four sessions advertised two were in office hours making it difficult for some to attend.

6. Any other Business

A planning application for 39 West Field was noted. It was not clear why it was classified as Prior Approval rather than a full application requiring formal consultation. Neighbours had contacted the Parish Council for advice.

The property had already been extended and this proposal would result in a significant increase in the original footprint. It was agreed to contact the District Council to ask for some information on their decision making process.

The meeting closed at 8:05 pm.

Signed

26 October 2020



Parish Council Chairman