

LITTLE ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Abington Institute, Great Abington on Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 6:30pm.

Present: Suzanne Pattinson SP (Chair), Richard Smith (RS), Viia Valge-Archer (VVA), Sheila Bolden (SB) and Isobel Smith (IS)

In attendance . There were seven members of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence: Richard Allum and Peter Brunning

2. Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on 1 December 2021. Agreed Matters arising.

The response to application S/1110/15/CONDA Phase 2 Granta Park was not discussed.

3. Declaration of Interests. None

4. Public Participation

Two members of the public spoke representing the views of other members of the public present.

- Visually, the proposed dwelling is far too large for the site, sitting high in view of the houses on the High Street and at night-time spilling light across the area.
- The current attractive entrance to the village with the field on the left would be destroyed.
- Strategically, the proposal runs against the National Planning Policy Framework (and the Local Plan) which advises against isolated dwellings in the countryside (which this counts as). Such development would need to enhance the setting and be of a suitable nature and size, which would not be the case.
- Other concerns included the use of the existing entrance drive to no 51 High Street which would make a dangerous corner less safe.

5. 21/05048/FUL Land Adjacent To 51 High Street, Little Abington. CB21 6BG. Erection of 1 dwelling house.

The Parish Council had received three written objections to this application.

- The Committee discussed the application and agreed unanimously to recommend refusal for the following reasons:
- Site is outside village development limit, which planning rules are specifically designed to protect and enforce.
- Detracts from an attractive entrance to the village and will therefore adversely affect all residents.
- It would have an extremely detrimental impact on the setting of a number of listed buildings looking on to the proposed site.
- It would increase traffic through an entrance with poor lines of sight;
- It would potentially open the way to further development.

All members of the public left the meeting.

6. 21/04914/HFUL 48 High Street, Little Abington CB21 6BG. Retrospective external and internal alterations.

Comment: *"We are concerned over the soil pipe to the left of the front door and suggest it should be made of a more suitable material than grey plastic and should be more discreet if possible".*

7. 21/04915/LBC 48 High Street, Little Abington CB21 6BG

Retention of external and internal alterations.

Recommended approval.

8. Planning decisions made by SCDC. None

9. Local Highways Improved Scheme feasibility study

- A big increase in fees was noted.
- We would like a discussion before the work is carried out at Fourwentways.
- **IS** to write querying the new fee and the exact placing of the yellow lines. **IS**
- RS added that at a police meeting earlier this week the Police and Crime Commissioner stated that no complaints had been received from the public about parking or other issues in the area.

10. Approaches to consultation on Granta Park planning applications

- SB reported that the expected amendments to application 21/03822/FUL were likely to be published over the Christmas/New Year period. (Notified on 16 December)
- Write to Michael Sexton at SCDC for an update. **SB**
- We questioned why LAPC is still not automatically receiving details of planning applications on Granta Park despite requesting it on several occasions.
- IS to review the active travel plan as delivery of the proposed infrastructure improvements (cycle paths) has been so slow. One option would be for additional buses to Granta Park in the future. **IS**
- ~~IS to query the travel plan (currently "in tatters") and to appeal for more buses.~~

11. Any other business. None

Meeting closed at 7.35pm