

GAINSBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the Planning and Development Committee held at Richmond House, Richmond Park, Morton Terrace, Gainsborough on Thursday 10 December 2015 at 7:00pm

Present: Councillor Barry Coward (Chairman)

Councillor Keith Panter
Councillor Kenneth Woolley

In Attendance:

Rachel Allbones Deputy Clerk to the Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN

Councillor David Dobbie

RESOLVED to accept the apology received and reason given.

2. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND TO RECEIVE ANY APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION

None received.

3. MINUTES (Paper A)

i. Minutes of the meeting of Planning and Development held Monday 23 November 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on Monday 23 November 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

ii. Minutes of the meeting of Planning and Development held Thursday 26 November 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on Thursday 26 November 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i. Application Ref No.: 133351
Proposal: Outline planning application for the development of up to 80no. dwellings-access to be considered and not reserved for subsequent applications
Location: Land south of The Belt Road, Gainsborough

Gainsborough Town Council note with concern that insufficient notice was given in respect of this application. WLDC notified the Council on 26 November and required responses by 14 December a period of 18 days not the required 28 days notice.

Gainsborough Town Council are aware of the implication that all current applications will be able to cite the appeal decision by HM Planning Inspector Keith Manning made on 9 December 2015 in respect of Land at Church Lane, Saxilby, Lincoln, Lincolnshire LN1 2PE as case law and thus it will be impossible to find reasons to refuse any major application as the current local plan policies are dismissed by this inspector and the new local plan policies are not yet tested enough to hold weight.

Gainsborough Town Council are aware of the concerns expressed over highway access in respect of this application. As the only guidance now available is NPPF Paragraph 14 which requires that applications should only be refused if the residual cumulative impacts of development on the transport network are 'severe' it is with regret that Gainsborough Town Council consider that this and no future application within Gainsborough is likely to meet the "severe" test.

Gainsborough Town Council urges the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan Joint Planning Committee to ensure that the plan is brought to a position where once tested it is able to hold weight as soon as possible.

The meeting concluded at 7.25pm

Chairman