

Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton Parish Council Planning Committee on Monday 15th February 2016 in the Barton Room Fairfield Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs. C Scurrill Chairman, J Boswell, T Jones, P Margetts, and S Pawley. Mr. J Farrell, Clerk. 3 members of the public.

049/16 Apologies: Cllr. MacDonald on holiday and Cllr. Parsons.

050/16 Declarations of Interest None.

051/16 Dispensations Requested None.

052/16 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th January 2016 were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

053/16 Planning Applications:

a. 16/0064 Woodlands Farm, Hockley Brook Lane, Belbroughton - Conversion of former agricultural building to residential accommodation for use as two holiday let cottages as part of a farm diversification scheme. No objection, provided the conditions applying to the prior planning application ref 14/0656 are adhered to. In addition the District Council should ensure that the purpose of the two holiday lets proposed continues to such business purpose only.

16/0085 Construction of underground water pipeline (approximately 10.8km in length), break pressure tank, extension to Frankley Water Treatment Works and associated works all in association with the Birmingham Resilience Project (BRP). Works proposed at the following locations: - Land to the west of Frankley Water Treatment Works (extension to the water treatment works). - Land to the east of Putney Lane, Nr Romsley (Break Pressure Tank). - Pipeline runs between Frankley Water treatment and the district boundary west of Waystone Lane, Belbroughton.

The Committee noted that there were over 200 documents associated with this application and that it had not been possible to examine all of these in detail. It noted that the applicants had previously held a number of resident consultation events during 2015.

No objection to the application but requested that the following points are noted and as appropriate added to conditions should the application be approved:

1. There should be minimal disruption to residents with workings restricted to weekdays and daylight hours only.
2. Noise should be kept to a minimum.
3. Roads should be kept clear of mud and any spillages.
4. All above ground permanent structures should be adequately landscaped.
5. All hedgerows affected should be replaced with suitable planting to ensure a return to their pre works condition.

b. Additional application:

16/0130 4 Drayton Road, Belbroughton - Replacement of existing garden wall, installation of boundary railings and terracing of garden with retaining walls and fencing. No objections, it would wish though to see the brickwork being sympathetic to the area in view of the conservation status of this part of the village.

c. Appeal 15/0364 Clifford Cottage, Top Road, Wildmoor. – proposed replacement dwelling and garage. The Committee noted that the applicants are appealing the District Council decision to refuse permission. It decided not to alter its response of 26th May 2015. ‘No objection provided the size of the proposed property is as stated’.

054/16 Planning Decisions advised by the District Council:

None.

055/16 Fairfield Recreation Ground

The Committee deferred a decision on the request by an adjacent property's tenant to dig a trench across part of the recreation ground to enable an electrical connection to be made to a property as further details were required.

056/16 Other Planning Business

Cllr. Pawley advised that no further contact had been received from the District council regarding the planning issues raised relating to 5 Church Rd Belbroughton. A future committee would consider future action.

The Committee agreed to a request from a resident to consider actions in respect of an alleged planning permission breach at The Galtons Hartle Lane Belbroughton.

The Committee noted receipt of the paper from the District Council relating to planning applications involving equine activities. It decided not to invite a planning officer to further explain the policy.

The Meeting was closed at 7.55 pm.

Signed Chairman