

Present

Councillor D A Webster (In the Chair)

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| Councillor | D E Adamson | Councillor | M S Robson |
| | J Coulson | | Mrs I Sanderson |
| | Mrs B S Fortune | | Mrs M Skilbeck |
| | Mrs J A Griffiths | | D H Smith |
| | K G Hardisty | | P G Sowray |
| | M J Prest | | |

Also in Attendance

Councillor R A Baker Councillor P R Wilkinson

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G W Ellis and A W Wood)

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MINUTES

THE DECISION:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 May 2012 (P.3 - P.5), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

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PLANNING ENFORCEMENT CHURCH FARMHOUSE, THORNTON LE STREET

Thorntons Ward

The subject of the decision:

The Director of Housing and Planning Services asked the Committee to determine the appropriate enforcement action to be taken in respect of identified breaches of planning control for the storage and maintenance of fairground lorries at Church Farmhouse, Thornton le Street.

Members had previously considered the merits of the proposal for storage of fairground lorries and resolved to grant planning permission. However, officers had subsequently come to the conclusion from evidence of actual use of the site that the "storage" went beyond simple storage and involved significantly more "maintenance" than originally assumed. Evidence also existed of breaches of planning control of both 'operational development' and a 'material change of use'.

Alternative options considered:

Not to take enforcement action.

The reasons for the decision:

The continuing affects on local amenity needed addressing.

THE DECISION:

That an enforcement notice be issued requiring the:

- (1) removal of hardstanding and restoration of the land to its former condition as ménage, grassland and hardstanding or in the alternative entirely as grassland, allowing 6 months for the completion of the work;
- (2) cessation of the use of the site for the storage and maintenance of fairground equipment, allowing 2 weeks for compliance.

(Mr Waller spoke on behalf of Thornton le Street Parish Council supporting enforcement action.)

(Ms J Lee spoke in favour of enforcement action)

Disclose of Interest

Councillor M J Prest disclosed a personal interest as the agent of one of the objectors and left the room during consideration and voting on this matter.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS – DECISIONS

The Committee considered reports of the Director of Housing and Planning Services relating to applications for planning permission. During the meeting, the Director referred to additional information and representations which had been received.

Except where an alternative condition was contained in the report or an amendment made by the Committee, the appropriate time limit conditions were to be attached in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 91 and 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The abbreviated conditions and reasons shown in the report were to be set out in full on the notices of decision. It was noted that following consideration by the Committee, and without further reference to the Committee, the Director had delegated authority to add, delete or amend conditions and reasons for refusal.

In considering the report(s) of the Director of Housing and Planning Services regard had been paid to the policies of the relevant development plan and all other material planning considerations. Where the Committee deferred consideration or refused planning permission the reasons for that decision are as shown in the report or as set out below.

Where the Committee granted planning permission in accordance with the recommendation in a report this was because the proposal is in accordance with the development plan or other material considerations as set out in the report unless otherwise specified below. Where the Committee granted planning permission contrary to the recommendation in the report the reasons for doing so and the conditions to be attached are set out below.

THE DECISION:

That the applications be determined in accordance with the recommendation in the report of the Director of Housing and Planning Services, unless shown otherwise:-

- (1) 12/00458/FUL - Alterations to part of bakery/butchery building to farm shop and tea room at Seaves Farm, Brandsby for Farmhouse Direct.

DEFER to clarify issues about highway visibility splays.

- (2) 12/00686/FUL - Alterations and extensions to existing public house to form letting bedrooms and improvement works to existing living space as amended by details received by Hambleton District Council on 10 and 17 May 2012 at White Swan Inn, Danby Lane, Danby Wiske for White Swan Inn.

PERMISSION GRANTED

(The applicant, Mr S Knight, spoke in support of the application.)

(Ms L Green spoke objecting to the application.)

- (3) 12/00197/FUL - Change of use of office to 4 flats at Industry Resource Services Ltd, First Floor and Second Floor, 97 High Street, Northallerton for Threadneedle Property Investments Ltd.

PERMISSION GRANTED

(The applicant's agent, Mr P Hall, spoke in support of the application.)

(Mr M Harvey spoke objecting to the application.)

- (4) 12/00565/FUL - Proposed replacement of single storey extension with new 2 storey extension to existing dwelling as amended by plan and email received by Hambleton District Council on 9 May 2012 and 11 June 2012 at 94 Thirsk Road, Northallerton for Mr & Mrs T Rance.

PERMISSION GRANTED

(Ms L Metcalfe spoke objecting to the application.)

Disclosures of Interest

Councillor M J Prest disclosed a personal interest as the applicant has been a tenant of his and is a good friend of his son and left the room during consideration and voting on this matter.

Councillor K G Hardisty disclosed a personal interest as a Member of Romanby Parish Council which had considered the matter.

- (5) 12/00704/FUL - Construction of 6 affordable dwellings at The Cottage, Scruton for Chevin Housing Association Ltd.

PERMISSION GRANTED

(The applicant's agent, Ms H Markland, spoke in support of the application.)

(Ms J Clarke spoke objecting to the application.)

- (6) 12/00794/FUL - Demolition of existing single storey lean-to and construction of a new single storey extension as amended by plans received by Hambleton District Council on 15 May 2012 at Amberley, Station Road, Thirsk for Mr & Mrs Sharp.

PERMISSION GRANTED

(Ms Graves spoke objecting to the application.)

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor D E Adamson disclosed a personal interest as a nearby occupier is a friend of his and left the room during consideration and voting on this matter.

- (7) 12/00774/FUL - Construction of 9 dwellings at land to rear of 1 to 6 and east of Holmlea, Bedale Road, Well for Mr S Lancaster & Mrs I Verity.

DEFER to allow further consideration of the design of the site including the location of the public open space, the levels of the proposed buildings and the impact on the character and appearance of the Well Conservation Area.

(The applicant's agent, Mr S Harrison, spoke in support of the application.)

Disclosure of Interest

Councillor D A Webster disclosed a personal interest as the applicant is an employee of his and left the room during consideration and voting on the matter.

(Councillor M J Prest was in the chair for this item)

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

THE DECISION:

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item of business at minute no P.10 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as the Planning Committee was satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

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UNAUTHORISED DIRECTIONAL SIGNS ON A1 AT HEALAM BRIDGE, NEAR CARTHORPE

Leeming Ward

The subject of the decision:

The Director of Housing and Planning Services sought approval to take enforcement action against persons identified in the report as detailed.

Alternative options considered:

Not to take enforcement action.

The reasons for the decision:

The impact the unauthorised signs have on the visual amenity of the locality and any impact on highway safety.

THE DECISION:

That, subject to evidence, the Council instigates prosecution proceedings against the appropriate person(s) in respect of the unauthorised signage and/or issue a removal notice and/or issue an enforcement notice.

The meeting closed at 4.00pm.

Chairman of the Committee