



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Wednesday 7th June 2023 at 7.00pm, at The Town Hall, Sleaford**

Present: Cllrs Alison Snookes (Chairman of the Committee), Heather Lorimer (Vice-Chairman of the Committee), David Darmon, Linda Edwards-Shea, Ken Fernandes, Malcolm Offer, Stephen Shanahan-Kluth and David Suiter.

In attendance: Mr Chris Pilkington (Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and Cllr Robert Oates.

23.1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That Cllr A Snookes serve as the Chairman of the Planning Committee for the 2023/2024 council year.

23.2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: That Cllr H Lorimer serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee for the 2023/2024 council year.

23.3 APOLOGIES

Apologies for the meeting and a reason for absence from it were received from Cllr Steve Mason.

It was noted that Cllr Oates, a non-member of the Committee, was present and members agreed that he could participate, but not vote, in the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the reason for absence of Cllr Mason be accepted.

23.4 (a) TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 31 OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011 AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INTERESTS UNDER THE MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllrs Edwards-Shea and Suiter both stated that they were members of the Planning Committee of North Kesteven District Council, Cllr Fernandes stated that he was a member of the Witham First Internal Drainage Board, and Cllr Snookes stated that

she lived near the location of the existing secure unit in Sleaford which the proposed new secure unit at Bone Lane might replace.

(b) TO RECEIVE AND DECIDE UPON REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS TO COUNCILLORS TO TAKE PART IN DISCUSSIONS AND VOTES WHERE THEY HAVE DECLARED DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no requests for dispensations.

23.5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

23.6 PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

(a) PLANNING APPLICATION 23/0580/HOUS, PROPOSED ERECTION OF A FRONT PORCH (RE-SUBMISSION OF 23/0320/HOUS). 48 FINCH DRIVE, SLEAFORD, NG34 7US

RESOLVED: That no response be made.

(b) PLANNING APPLICATION PL/0029/23, DEVELOPMENT TO CONSTRUCT A ONE AND TWO STOREY 28 BED SECURE CHILDREN'S HOME (CLASS C2A) AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORT ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES, KITCHEN AND DINING AREA SPACES, EDUCATION AND TEACHING SPACES, SPORTS FACILITIES (INCLUDING A MUGA) AND EXTERNAL SECURE COURTYARD AREAS. SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDES: A NEW SERVICE ROAD, A CAR PARK, SURFACE WATER ATTENUATION POND, TWO LANDSCAPED AREAS, RENEWABLE ENERGY PROVISION AND BATTERY STORE. BONE MILL FARM, BONE LANE, SLEAFORD.

RESOLVED: That the Council express its support for the application and ask Lincolnshire County Council whether it intended to close its existing Children's Home in Sleaford if a new one was built at Bone Lane.

23.7 DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

(a) UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Oates spoke to the update report he had written on the development of the neighbourhood plan. A first draft of the plan had gone to the meeting of the Town Council held on 19th April 2023. It was hoped that a final draft could be presented later in the year with a view to it then going to referendum.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

(b) CREATION OF SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members considered whether to create a sub-committee of the Committee to continue the development of the neighbourhood plan and it was agreed to do so with the existing members of the neighbourhood plan working group invited to become members of it.

RESOLVED: That a sub-committee of the Planning Committee be created to further progress the development of the neighbourhood plan with detailed terms of reference brought to the next meeting of the Committee. In the meantime the existing neighbourhood plan working group would continue its work.

23.8 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Committee take place on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7pm at the Town Hall, Sleaford.