

NORTHILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CHURCH HALL, SAND LANE, NORTHILL ON TUESDAY 14TH APRIL 2009 COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM.

Present: Councillor M Hall (Chairman), Councillors J Coutts, G Gilbert, S Mandley and the Clerk Mrs L Trevena.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Bird.

2. DECLARATION FROM MEMBERS IN RELATION TO PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST IN ANY AGENDA ITEM

Councillor Mandley declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 6.2 and 6.3.

The Chairman said that she proposed to alter the order of the agenda.

Item 6.1 to be taken after items 6.2 and 6.3.

3. OPEN FORUM FOR 10 MINUTES TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

There were no members of the public present.

4. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 31ST MARCH 2009

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 31st March 2009 were taken as read, confirmed and signed as a true record.

5. TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON CURRENT LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM MBDC AND ANY UPDATES ON PLANNING MATTERS

None.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 6.2** MB/09/526/FULL Unit 1, Manor Farm, Great North Road, Lower Caldecote, Biggleswade SG18 9BB
Full: Change of use from existing shop to office plus small link to be built joining the two adjacent units

RESOLVED that no objection be raised to this application. It should be noted, however, that Northill Parish Council should declare an interest in this application as it employs the applicants, as Agricultural and Amenity Contractors to cut the parish grass, a business which is also run concurrently from the application site.

- 6.3** MB/09/599/ADV Land adjacent to Manor Farm, Great North Road, Lower Caldecote, Biggleswade SG18 9EE
Advertisement Consent: 2 no. free standing hoarding signs

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- 6.1** MB/09/00561/FULL Elizabeth Smith Veterinary Surgery, Ickwell Road, Upper Caldecote, Biggleswade SG18 9BS
Full: New Veterinary centre to replace temporary veterinary surgery, incorporating equine care facilities and garden walk area. Removal of all existing structures.

Voting took place and the result was 2 for and 2 against. The Chairman gave a casting vote.

RESOLVED that objection be raised to the application as the proposal conflicts with Policy CS1 of the Mid Bedfordshire Local Plan First Review 2005; Planning Policy Guidance 7 which seeks to resist non-essential development in the open countryside.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

T.B.A. There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.20 pm.