

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE - 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

Present

Cllr David Beaman (Chair)	Cllr John Robini
Cllr Penny Rivers (Vice Chair)	Cllr Julian Spence
Cllr Jane Austin	Cllr Richard Steijger
Cllr Carole Cockburn	Cllr Phoebe Sullivan
Cllr Janet Crowe	Cllr John Ward
Cllr Jacquie Keen	Cllr Terry Weldon
Cllr Andrew Laughton	Cllr Graham White
Cllr Alan Morrison	

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS (Agenda item 1)

There were no apologies received for this meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Agenda item 2)

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 August 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Agenda item 3)

There were no declarations of interest submitted for this meeting.

4 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 4)

There were none.

5 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS (Agenda item 5)

There were none.

6 ANY RELEVANT UPDATES TO GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE OR LEGISLATION SINCE THE LAST MEETING (Agenda item 6)

Officers advised there were no relevant updates to report.

7 APPLICATIONS SUBJECT TO PUBLIC SPEAKING (Agenda item 7)

There were no applications subject to public speaking scheduled for this meeting.

8 APPLICATIONS NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC SPEAKING (Agenda item 8)

8.1 WA/2023/00789 - LAND AT TOUCHWOOD PETWORTH ROAD WITLEY

GODALMING GU8 5QW (Agenda item 8.1)

Erection Of Fence And Gate Together With Alterations To Driveway.

This item was not subject to public speaking but Cllr Maxine Gale, Ward Councillor, and Cllr Gillian McCalden, Witley Parish Council had registered to speak on the item and were invited to do so by the Chair.

Motion proposed By Cllr John Robini and Seconded by Cllr Terry Weldon to REFUSE the application delegating authority to the Executive Head of Planning Development to add relevant Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan policies .

‘The alignment of the fencing and hard surfacing would be visually intrusive within the street scene introducing a harmful feature out of keeping with the area. Further it has not been demonstrated that there are special circumstances that justify this development in the green belt. The proposal is therefore contrary to policy and the NPPF’.

The Committee voted on this motion 12 in favour, none against and 2 abstained.

Decision

The alignment of the fencing and hard surfacing would be visually intrusive within the street scene introducing a harmful feature, out of keeping with the area. Further, it has not been demonstrated that there are special circumstances that justify this development in the Green Belt. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy RE2 of the Local Plan (Part 1) 2018, Policy DM4 and DM14 of the Local Plan (Part 2) 2023, Policy ND5 of the Witley Neighbourhood Plan AND paragraphs 149 and 150 of the NPPF (2021).

9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda item 9)

There were no items to discuss in exempt session so the Chair closed the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 6.45 pm

Chairman