



CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

PLANNING COMMITTEE

A meeting of this Committee was held at The Hub Community Centre, Cambourne on Tuesday 18th October 2016

Present:

Cllr P Gavigan (Chairman)
Cllr P Hedges
Cllr T Hudson

Cllr K McIntyre
Cllr Mrs R Poulton
Cllr G Thompson

In attendance: Liz Pinchen – Deputy Parish Clerk

No members of the Public were in attendance at the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr S Crocker and Cllr J O'Dwyer. Acceptable reasons for absence had been given by both.

It was:

RESOLVED that the apologies for absence from Cllr S Crocker and Cllr J O'Dwyer be received and approved.

2. **MINUTES**

It was:

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2016 (M252) were confirmed as being a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. **MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST OR REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION** for items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation

4. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As announced previously, as a member of the public, a Freedom of Information request has been drafted but has not yet been submitted to South Cambs District Council requesting a list of all properties in Cambourne that have had Permitted Development Rights removed.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

[S/2402/16/FL](#) – Conversion of the existing garage space into a personal gym/play area – 83, Spitfire Road, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6FL
For - Mrs Durrani

Signed

Date 1st November 2016

It was noted that this had previously been received as a Lawful Development Certificate and that concerns had been raised regarding covenants restricting conversion of garages and that the householder had subsequently been advised by South Cambs District Council to submit a planning application.

Concern was raised that there are covenants issued by the developers that restrict changes to the property for a ten year period and that the garage conversion would also need approval by the developers.

It was also noted that Condition 10 of the approval of Reserved Matters application S/2596/11 restricts the use of permanent parking spaces including garages for anything other parking and turning of vehicles.

It was:

RESOLVED to object to the application on the grounds of net loss of parking and that the conversion of the garage is contrary to restrictive covenants on the property and contrary to Condition 10 of the approval Reserved Matters application S/2596/11 and with Policies DP/2 and DP/3 of the Local Development Framework Control Policies Development Plan Document 2007.

Cllr G Thompson asked for his vote against the resolution to be recorded as he could see no reason to object to the application.

For Information Only

[S/2601/16/LD](#) – Proposed single storey rear extension - 79, School Lane, Cambourne, CB23 5DX

For – Mr & Mrs Dyer

It was:

RESOLVED to receive the Lawful Development Certificate application.

6. PROPOSED REMOVAL OF BT PHONEBOX

The Deputy Parish Clerk reported that the Parish Council had unfortunately been omitted from the original consultation on the proposed removal of phone boxes. The District Council have submitted a holding recommendation for the retention of the phone box on Greenhaze Lane in order to give the Parish Council a chance to respond. The phone has been used six times in the last 12 months and has been subject to vandalism. Cllr S Crocker has expressed that he would be in favour of the removal of the phone box.

The Chairman felt that there was still a need for a public phone box especially in the instance of an emergency arising. The fact that 6 calls had been made in the last 12 months demonstrates a need.

Concern was raised that it is known that prank 999 calls have been made from the phone box and that when the panels are vandalised they are dangerous due to the sharp edges.

It was questioned whether or not the box could become a Wi-Fi hotspot and whether the proposed removal could be included in the Parish Council Crier article to gauge public opinion.

It was:

RESOLVED to request retention of the phone box on Greenhaze Lane.

7. PARISH FORUM

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Concerns had been raised at the South Cambs District Council Parish Forum meeting regarding the proposed move to electronic notification of planning applications. A short Survey Monkey questionnaire has been developed for Parishes to give their views.

The Committee reviewed each question requiring a response on the survey.

It was:

RESOLVED the committee were against the proposed move to electronic notification of planning applications and that the Committee Chairman and Parish Chairman be delegated to formulate the response to the questionnaire in conjunction with the Parish Clerk.

8. DRAINAGE ISSUES

There were no drainage updates.

9. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

There were no enforcement updates.

10. DECISION NOTICES

[S/2068/16/AD](#) – Advertising Consent – Supermarket, Broad Street, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EY

For – Morrisons Supermarkets Plc

Approved subject to conditions

Cambourne Parish Planning Committee supported the application.

[S/2204/16/LD](#) – Proposed extensions - 15 Blenheim Close, Cambourne, CB23 6AP

For – Wingfield

The proposed extensions fall within the limits of permitted development rights.

It was:

RESOLVED that the Decision Notice and Lawful Development Certificate be received.

11. TO CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 1st November 2016 7.00pm