

RESOURCES & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**MONDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY 2019**

Present: Cllr L. Samiotis (Chair), Cllr P. Allen, Cllr C. Blake, Cllr K. Bond, Cllr P. Conquest, Cllr B. Cutts, Cllr R. Dallyn, Cllr J. Hart, Cllr M. Johns, Cllr C. Lofts, Cllr J. Lynch, Cllr S. McMurray, Cllr D. Reynolds

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr D. Tarbun

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr L. Samiotis declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 – Community Event Application. Cllr Samiotis signed the Declarations of Interest Register accordingly.

3. Open to the Public

No members of the public were present.

4. Minutes of MeetingsProposal

Cllr Blake proposed that the Minutes of the Resources & Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday, 21st January 2019 be signed by the Chair as a true record; seconded by Cllr McMurray; all in favour

5. Matters Arising from the MinutesMinute Page 19/01/001

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had forwarded correspondence received from SNC Director for Planning and Economy, Jim Newton which concerned the maintenance of public open spaces arising from new developments. The correspondence was noted by the committee. With particular reference to transfer of the Tove Grange public open space to private maintenance company, Greenbelt, Cllr Lynch asked who would be responsible for invoking the review mechanism within the contract which would allow householders to object to the increased cost being imposed. Cllr Johns stated that renegotiation of the contract is a matter that householders must take up with the developers, Redrow Homes, who brokered the contract with Greenbelt. Cllr Lynch requested that the Clerk seeks clarification from Jim Newton on this matter.

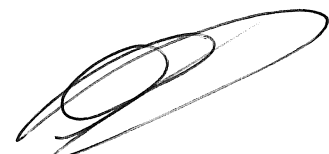
The Clerk referred to an article spotted in the Northampton Chronicle & Echo newspaper which states that Northampton Borough Council has updated a policy to make it easier to transfer land and open spaces to local parish councils. The updated policy means that future transfers to parish councils will now normally be on a freehold basis rather than a long-term lease. This is contrary to the S106 Agreements negotiated by SNC for transfer of the public open spaces in the Wood Burcote and Southern Extension developments. Cllr Johns said this should serve as a lesson to the TC that it must, in future, achieve the Freehold of any land being transferred.

Cllr Tarbun arrived to the meeting.

Minute Page 19/01/0036. PLANNINGa) Decisions

Planning approval granted in respect of the following applications:-

S/2018/2668/FUL	12 Kensington Close, Towcester Front extension to garage.
S/2018/2748/LDP	5 Mansell Close, Towcester Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension.
S/2018/2873/FUL	68 Brackley Road, Towcester Single storey rear extension.



b) Applications

- S/2019/0140/TPO Water Meadows, Northampton Road, Towcester
Fell 1 x Sycamore tree
Proposal
Cllr Allen proposed that the committee objects to the application on the grounds that no justification has been provided for the felling of this established Sycamore tree; seconded by Cllr Lynch; 12 votes in favour; 1 abstention; proposal carried
- S/2019/0136/FUL McDonalds Restaurants Ltd, Brackley Road, Towcester
Storage container 6.1 x 2.4 metres.
The committee agreed that it would raise no objections to the siting of the storage container provided that this is not a permanent arrangement
- S/2019/0059/TPO 32 Juniper Close, Towcester
Reduce height to 10m and reduce spread of entire canopy by 2m.
No objections
- S/2019/0053/ADV Watling Street East, Towcester
Retain freestanding noticeboard.
The committee was in agreement to support the retention of the town centre noticeboard which is the TC own application
- S/2019/0058/FUL 1 Park Hall Cottages, Watling Street, Heathencote
Detached car port to side.
No objections
- S/2019/0195/FUL 12 Bramble Close, Towcester
Proposed two storey side extension.
No objections

Re-consultation (Amendment) FOR INFORMATION ONLY:-

- S/2019/0148/AGD Linnell Bros Ltd, Silverstone Fields Farm, Towcester Road, Silverstone
Proposal: Determination as to whether prior approval is required (under Class A of Part 6 of the above Order) for the erection of an agricultural building in respect of the siting, design and external appearance of the building.

7. Requests for Funding

To reconsider the application received for Town Council funding from Citizen's Advice North Oxon and South Northants (Charity No. 1079719)

Correspondence from the North Oxon and South Northants Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) had been forwarded to committee members prior to the meeting. It requests that consideration be given by the committee to reversing its decision to decline the application from CAB for £1,000 towards funding services in the South Northants district. The Clerk advised that the TC Standing Orders determine that it cannot reverse a proposal within 6 months of it being made.

Proposal

Cllr Johns proposed that the funding application received from CAB be revisited in July 2019. The Clerk will consult CAB at this time to ensure that there is still a requirement; seconded by Cllr Lynch; all in favour

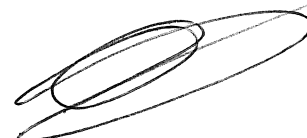
8. Community Event Application

To consider that application submitted by Towcester Town Football Club to receive funding from the South Northamptonshire Council Community Event Fund

A copy of the application had been forwarded to committee members prior to the meeting.

Proposal

Cllr Cutts proposed that the committee supports the application submitted by Towcester Town Football Club to receive the sum of £1,000 from the South Northamptonshire Community Event Fund;



seconded by Cllr Tarbun; 12 votes in favour; 1 abstention (from Cllr Samiotis); proposal carried

9. South Northamptonshire Council

To consider the proposals received from the SNC Lead Community Safety Officer for the introduction of a CCTV network across the District

The Clerk reported on her recent conversation with SNC Community Safety Officer, Gary Crook, concerning proposals to create a CCTV network across the district. SNC has secured funding to install a permanent CCTV camera on Islington Road in Towcester and there is potential for a second camera, for which the location is still to be agreed. The TC had been offered the opportunity to purchase an additional camera to link into the network, which could be moved around the town to monitor anti-social behaviour issues based on need. It has since been ascertained that the high cost to relocate the camera each time will impede its use in this way. Gary Crook has confirmed that the TC can opt to purchase additional cameras at any time in the future.

Proposal

Cllr Reynolds proposed that the committee reviews its position on the purchase of CCTV cameras for the town once the network has been operational for 6 months;
seconded by Cllr Lynch; all in favour

Cllr Blake suggested that the TC requests feedback from the Towcester Safer Communities Team at this time.

