

RESOURCES / PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**MONDAY, 8th JUNE 2015**

Present: Cllr D. Tarbun (Chairman), Cllr P. Allen, Cllr D. Bain, Cllr J. Burrows, Cllr R. Dallyn, Cllr J. Hart, Cllr C. Lofts, Cllr J. Walsh, Cllr J. Wilby

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr M. Johns, Cllr J. Lynch

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Open to the Public

No members of the public were present.

4. PLANNINGa) Decisions

Planning Permission granted in respect of:-

S/2015/0616/FUL Variation of condition 2 (plans) of planning permission S/2013/1634/FUL
(Demolition of four dwellings and erection of 8 affordable dwellings) to allow a
change of floor levels
At 14-20 Hesketh Crescent, Towcester

Prior Approval not required in respect of:-

S/2015/0916/HPD Determination as to whether prior approval is required (under class A, Part 1 of
the above Order) in respect of the impact on the amenity of any adjoining
premises of a proposed single storey rear extension extending 4m beyond the
rear wall of the original dwelling house, maximum height of 2.8m and height of
eaves 2.4m
At 46 Marlow Road, Towcester

b) Amendments

No amended applications had been received.

c) Applications

S/2015/1153/ADV Land at the junction of Springfields and Green Lane, Towcester
Non-illuminated free-standing advertisement board (retrospective)
No observations

S/2015/1154/FUL 108 Brackley Road, Towcester
New vehicular access
**The committee had no objections to the application for new vehicular
access provided that the surface used is permeable and there is
sufficient run off for rain water**

S/2015/1052/FUL Folly Inn, London Road, Towcester
Replacement four windows in rear ground floor elevation, two first floor
windows in side elevations and replacement door to first floor roof terrace at
rear
No observations

- S/2015/1081/FUL Unit 4, Manor Farm, Wood Burcote
Variation of condition 2 (plans) to S/2013/1381/FUL (Demolition of twentieth century buildings and conversion of traditional farm buildings to four dwellings) for proposed outbuildings with bat loft over, covered parking for plots 3 & 4 timber clad hovels. Amendment to private drive layout, amendment to elevations plot 4, amendment to ground and first floor plans plot 4, rebuilding of external was to bed 1 plot 4
No observations
- S/2015/1064/FUL 16 Jenkinson Road, Towcester
General purpose outbuilding
No observations
- S/2015/1099/FUL Land off Burcote Road, Towcester
Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new vehicular access junction and part access road, balancing pond, temporary storage area and temporary access to Earls Farm
No observations

5. Annual Return for the Year Ending 31/03/2015

a) Accounts for the 2014/15 Financial Year

A copy of the Statement of Accounts for the 2014/15 Financial Year had been forwarded to all members of the committee prior to the meeting. The Clerk gave an overview of the Balance Sheet at 31st March 2015.

Proposal

Cllr Allen proposed that the Statement of Accounts for the 2014/15 Financial Year be recommended to Full Council for approval;
seconded by Cllr Lofts; all in favour

b) Annual Return

A copy of the Annual Return for the Year Ending 31st March 2015 had been forwarded to all members of the committee prior to the meeting.

i.) Section 1 – Accounting Statements for 2014/15

Cllr Allen proposed that Section 1 of the Annual Return be recommended to Full Council for signing by the Chairman (Town Mayor) and R.F.O.;
seconded by Cllr Lofts; all in favour

ii) Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15

The committee agreed for the Clerk to answer 'yes' to questions 1 – 9 on the Annual Governance Statement.

Proposal

Cllr Allen proposed that Section 2 of the Annual Return be recommended to Full Council for signing by the Chairman (Town Mayor) and R.F.O.;
seconded by Cllr Hart; all in favour

The Clerk confirmed that Section 4 of the Annual Return will be completed by the Internal Auditor following his inspection of the accounts on 18th June.

6. Towcester Town Crier
Future Distribution of the Town Crier

Cllr Tarbun referred to the distribution of the Town Crier and advised that this has become complicated and time consuming. Originally, there were only 6 distributors who collected their round to drop off to the deliverers for each street. Over time, these 6 rounds have been further split due to the loss of volunteers and the Clerk now drops off many rounds for delivery. This is preventing the Town Crier being delivered in a timely manner and comments have been made that some events have passed by the time it's received. The Clerk confirmed that the relief Town Hall cleaner has helped in the past with distributing the rounds and would be prepared to do all of the distribution to the deliverers for each issue.

Proposal

Cllr Lofts proposed that the TC trials the delivery of the Town Crier to its distributors by the relief Town Hall cleaner;

seconded by Cllr Allen; all in favour

7. Towcester Town Council and Social Media

Cllr Tarbun informed the committee that the subject of the TC and Social Media will be raised as a discussion point at a future meeting. The Clerk has received guidelines on this issue from Northants CALC and will circulate this document, along with the social media policies of other local authorities, for the committee's consideration.