

Report of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 23rd November 2009 at Great Waltham Village Hall

1. Record of Members present

Chairman: Mr Blaber

Councillors: Messrs Jackson, Greenwood, Huggins and Micklem.

Also Present: Mr T Gillies, Mrs S Gillies

2. Apologies for Absence

Were received from Mr Bell, Mr Braisby and Mrs Dickinson.

3. Declarations of interests (existence and nature) with regard to items on the agenda.

Mr Micklem declared an interest in item 6(a).

4. Public Participation session with respect to items on the agenda.

Mrs Gillies reported on the site meeting which had taken place with Sally Rogers, Planning Officer, Chelmsford Borough Council on Tuesday 17th November 2009. Mr Greenwood and Mr Blaber had represented the Parish Council at that meeting. Mr Blaber added to that report.

5. Report of Planning Applications determined by the LPA's since the last meeting.

There were no planning determinations to report.

6. To consider and comment upon the following planning applications.

(a) 09/01512/FUL Walnut Tree Farm Barn, Fanners Green, Great Waltham for amendment to approved application 05/02154/FUL (conversion of barn to residential unit) – Changes to fenestration.

Comments:

When the Parish Council considered the original planning application 05/02154/FUL they made comment regarding the clarity of the plans and the possible effect that the proposed development may have on the privacy of the adjoining dwelling (Walnut Tree Farm).

The Parish Council are extremely dismayed that given the privacy issues that a CBC Planning Officer allowed what is being referred to as a 'minor amendment' to permit two windows on the northern elevation overlooking the said adjoining property, and without any further consultation or notification to the neighbours or to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council therefore calls for the two additional windows on the northern elevation of the barn, subject of the 'minor amendment' to be permanently fitted with obscure glass to prevent the neighbouring property being overlooked.

Additionally The Parish Council calls for the enforcement of the approval of planning application 05/02154/FUL dated 16th January 2006 Paragraph 2 which states 'The development hereby permitted shall not be carried out other than in complete accordance with the approved plans and specification'.

The approved plans and specification paperwork clearly states that the window on the eastern elevation of the development would be fitted with obscure glass and the Parish Council calls for this condition to be rigidly enforced.

The Parish Council has no comment to make regarding the changes made to the patio door.