

GREAT WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 6th June 2011 at The Old Fire Station, Great Waltham

1. Record of Members present

Chairman :Mr A Micklem

Councillors: Mrs M Farrant, Messrs Braisby, Bell, and Jackson.

2. Apologies for Absence

Were received from Mr Leyde,, Mrs Patch, Mr Steel and Mr Blaber.

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

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

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

There were no members of the public present.

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

A report of planning applications determined since the last meeting was given.

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

(a) 11/00445/FUL Brambles, Parsonage Lane, Howe Street for two storey rear extension with balcony and new dormer window to front bedroom.

Mr Jackson declared an interest

Comments: The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

(b) 11/00772/FUL 1A Snows Court, The Village, Great Waltham for provide sliding sash window in existing blind opening to front elevation. Replace existing window with pair of french doors and Juliet balcony to rear elevation. Replace existing timber door with composite door to rear elevation.

Comments: The Parish Council has no objections to the application to replace the rear window with French doors and Juliet balcony and the rear door. The Parish Council supports the provision of a sliding sash window in existing blind opening to front elevation.

(c) 11/00723/FUL 53, Cherry Garden Road, Great Waltham for single storey rear extension.

Comments: The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

(d) 11/00788/ETL Land Adjacent 4 Lake View Cottages, Chelmsford Road, Great Waltham for extension of time limit to permission 08/00576/CAC for the demolition of garage / workshop.

Comments: The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

(e) 11/00801/LBC Fitzandrews Farmhouse, Main Road, Howe Street to replace existing metal/wood window to front elevation with SW painted casement windows

Mr Micklem declared an interest in this item and left the meeting whilst it was discussed.

Comments: The Parish Council supports this application.

7. To consider whether the Parish Council should express an interest to CBC in becoming involved in a trial which would involve a dedicated Planning Officer attending Parish Council Planning Meetings to give help and advice in commenting on planning applications.

The clerk referred to the Parish Council forum which had taken place at Chelmsford Borough Council on 24th May 2011. The clerk and Mr Blaber had attended. One item raised by CBC was proposed improvements to working arrangements. In an effort to improve working arrangements CBC are proposing a dedicated Planning Officer for each Parish to answer queries relating to applications should the case officer not be available. Also a dedicated Planning Officer who would attend Parish Council planning meetings to help and give advice. Chelmsford Borough Council would like to receive expressions of interest from two Parish Councils who would be interested in taking part in a trial.

Following discussion it was agreed to express an interest in taking part in a trial.