

Woughton Community Council

Planning, Licensing & Development Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th November 2021, 6:30pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, the Council Chamber, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

Present: Cllrs Sue Smith (Chair), Ruth McMillan, Nick Scott, Liz Simpkins, Yvonne Tomlinson.

Also present: Steve McNay (Council Manager), Brian Barton (Committee & Member Services Officer).

In attendance: Cllr Donna Fuller via Facebook Live.

LD 49/21 Apologies:

Cllr Jeanette Bobey (unwell).

Cllr Brian Hepburn (unwell).

Cllr Luke Louis (personal commitment).

AGREED

Cllr John Orr was not in attendance and did not submit his apologies.

LD 50/21 Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

NOTED

LD 51/21 Questions from the public (maximum 10 minutes):

Cllr Janette Bobey had submitted the following written questions:

Agenda item LD 54/21 (a) There is an application for a certificate of lawfulness, these have been coming up a lot, it seems this is being applied for instead of planning permission?

The Council Manager responded that a Certificate of Lawfulness is essentially a **means of obtaining a decision from the planning authority that a proposed use or works do not require planning permission**. In simple terms, a request from the Local Authority to state that what you have done, or are planning to do, doesn't need full planning permission or is, as it stands, lawful. This includes things like the 'four year rule' – again, in simple terms, if you have done something and it was done more than four years ago, that it becomes lawful not because it is compliant, but simply through the passage of time.

Agenda item LD 54/21 (b) Where they want to build an extension, do they have to give a reason for wanting to do this? as it is a large area they want to extend, how do we know if this will not become a House in Multiple Occupation (HiMO)?

The Council Manager responded that no reason is needed, as long as it complies with planning regulations. For many, this falls under 'permitted development' – under a certain height, covering less than X amount of garden, etc. Material considerations do not include not agreeing with potential use, unless this falls under other regulations (e.g. HiMO, dangerous noise levels, etc.). Also we don't know that it won't become an HiMO, but we will monitor and if considered to be acting in that way, enforcement action can be taken.

Agenda item LD 54/21 (c) Works to the College, I seem to remember that the College was moving from there, along with Bletchley College and then setting up one in Central Milton Keynes, has this plan fallen through? there was a presentation on this a few years back.

The Council Manager responded my understanding is that the college plan has been withdrawn. They were hoping to get Saxon Court, but this is now with other developers and so they are, instead, improving the existing estate.

NOTED

LD 52/21 Chairs announcements:

The Chair thanked all Councillors and residents who attended the Remembrance Service on Sunday at the Christ the Vine Church on Coffee Hall.

The Community Café will be taking place tomorrow (Tuesday 16th November 2021).

NOTED

LD 53/21 Minutes of previous meetings:

The minutes of the Planning, Licensing & Development Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19th October 2021 were **AGREED** as a true and correct record and will be signed by the Chair.

LD 54/21 To agree submissions to Milton Keynes Council on the Planning application(s) received:

a) Application no: 21/03250/CLUP Proposal: Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed construction of a single-storey side extension

At: 27, Trubys Garden, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5HA.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the committee has no objections to this application.**
- 2. That the committee will not make a submission to Milton Keynes Council's Development Control Directorate as Woughton Community Council is only a consultee when it comes to Certificate of Lawfulness applications.**

b) Application no: 21/03264/PNHSE

Proposal: Prior Approval of single storey rear extension, with eaves of 2.5 metres and maximum height of 2.8 metres, extending 5.4 metres from the existing rear wall.

At: 8, Medale Road, Beanhill, Milton Keynes, MK6 4LY.

RESOLVED

1. **That the committee has no objections to this application.**
2. **That the committee will support any submissions made by the occupants of 7, Medale Road, Beanhill and 9, Medale Road Beanhill.**

c) Application no: 21/03119/FUL

Proposal: Refurbishment works to Milton Keynes College Chaffron Way campus building.

At: Milton Keynes College, Woughton Campus, Chaffron Way, V6 To V7, Milton Keynes, MK6 5LP.

RESOLVED

That the committee has no objections to this application.

d) Application no: 21/03242/FULTN.

Proposal: The replacement and relocation of the existing 15-metre streetpole with a new 20-metre streetpole accommodating 6 antennas and RRH's; the replacement of meter pillar with a new meter cabinet and minor ancillary works.

At: Telecom Station North of Netherfield Roundabout, Marlborough Street H8, West To H8 East Milton Keynes.

RESOLVED

That the committee has no objections to this application.

LD 55/21 To update the committee on previous applications and decisions issued:

The following decisions have been issued by Milton Keynes Council's Development Control Directorate since the committee meeting held in October 2021.

Application no: 21/02509/FUL - Construction of front porch **At:** 162, Languard Road, Netherfield, Milton Keynes, MK6 4HX. – **Approved.**

Application no: 21/02155/FUL - Erection of a new first floor mezzanine to accommodate the Innovation and Technology Centre and associated fenestration changes. **At:** Cottisloe Building, Milton Keynes College, Woughton Campus, Chaffron Way V6 To V7, Milton Keynes, MK6 5LP – **Approved.**

Application no: 21/02707/FULTN - Removal of 17.4m high monopole mast and 6No. antennas and all ancillary equipment. Installation of 20m high lattice mast incorporating headframe, 12No. antennas and 2No. 300mm dish, 3No. cabinets/racks and the erection of a 2.5m high mesh fencing with all ancillary equipment (Resubmission of 21/01990/FULTN) **At:** Telecommunication Station, Rainbow Drive, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes – **Approved.**

These decisions are in line with the discussions and agreements made by this committee.

RESOLVED

That the committee notes the report.

LD 56/21 To note the submission from the Council Manager on the Netherfield Wine and Spirits, 21, Farthing Grove, Netherfield, Milton Keynes, licencing application:

The Council Manager informed the meeting that he had spoken to Milton Keynes Council's Licencing Directorate and the Netherfield Councillors since the submission had been sent to seek further clarification on the conditions placed on the licencing agreement.

Thames Valley Police has indicated that they do not object to the application but they would wish to see regular spot checks taking place and the installation of CCTV.

NOTED

LD 57/21 To inform the committee about the review by Milton Keynes Council on the Open Spaces Assessment survey:

The committee felt that the publicity on this survey by Milton Keynes Council was very poor, and that Woughton Community Council should undertake its own publicity.

Any Members that wish to make a submission should sent a copy to the Council Manager, so that he can collate and send as one submission to Milton Keynes Council.

The committee felt a review of the Neighbourhood Plan needs to take place to ensure that the policies regarding the open spaces in the area are fit for purpose.

The committee also felt that any regeneration proposals by Milton Keynes Council should be scrutinised regarding any plans for infill development on any open spaces.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the committee notes the report.**
- 2. That any Members that wish to make a submission should sent a copy to the Council Manager, so that he can collate and send as one submission to Milton Keynes Council.**
- 3. That the committee agrees to publicising the public survey (due to close on Monday 29th November 2021) to try and get residents views.**

Date of next meeting:

Monday 13th December 2021, 6:30pm at the Woughton Community Council Hub, The Local Centre, Council Chambers, 60, Garraways, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EG.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7:17PM

Chair _____ Date _____