

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of Belbroughton Parish Council held in Fairfield School on Monday 23rd January 2012

Present: Cllrs A Ince, N Hartill, A Hood, and C Scurrall.

In attendance : C Limm, Clerk. The applicants, Mr and Mrs Garvin, also attended for item 24/12.

021/12 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Harvey and Shotton.

022/12 Declarations of interest : No interests were declared.

023/12 Minutes of the meeting on 9th January 2012 : The Minutes were agreed.

024/12 Planning Applications

11/1090 83 Brook Road, Fairfield - erection of replacement dwelling. Mr Garvin spoke about the application. He explained that the proposal was to replace two dwellings with one and that when this was taken into account the proposals met the guidelines concerning additional size. The Committee noted that this was a matter for the planning authority to judge, but had no objections to the application provided the District Council considers that the proposals comply with the policy concerning additional size (the 40% guidelines).

025/12 Planning decisions

Approved

11/0879 Glovers Meadow Farm, Wood Lane, Fairfield – replacement of 2 agricultural buildings.

Refused

11/0902 Mearse Farm, Mearse Lane, Belbroughton - single storey extension and demolition of existing building.

026/12 Other planning business

The Committee discussed whether it would be preferable to hold only one planning meeting per month to take place on the third Monday of the month before the Finance meeting. This would ease the time pressure which often occurred when meetings were held after the main Council meeting and would also reduce the Clerk's workload slightly. It was agreed that for a trial period of about 6 months, there should be only one regular planning meeting per month taking place before the Finance Committee meeting. Any urgent planning applications that could not be held until the Planning meeting could be considered at the end of the main Council agenda.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Signed.....Chairman