

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Belbroughton Parish Council Planning Committee on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 in Fairfield Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs A Ince, I Dalziel, A Hood, T Jones, C Scurrell (part) and P Shotton; Mrs C Limm, Clerk

A number of other parish councillors also attended for the second half of the meeting.

### **139/13 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Cllr Ince was re-elected to Chair the Committee. Cllr Hood was elected as Vice Chair.

**140/13 Apologies:** There were no apologies for absence.

**141/13 Declarations of interest :** No interests were declared.

### **142/14 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April were approved.

### **143/13 Planning Applications**

- i. **13/0323 The Conifers, Top Road, Wildmoor** - modify existing garage via extension and conversion of part to 'Granny Annex'. The Committee was concerned about the potential for the granny annex to be used as separate dwelling. It agreed that if the application was approved the District Council should be asked to impose a condition linking use of the annex to the main dwelling.
- ii. **13/0250 Yew Tree Farm , Bournheath Road, Fairfield** - new fodder store. No objections provided that there was a proven agricultural use.
- iii. **13/0225 55 Brook Road, Fairfield** - first floor extension over existing ground floor accommodation. No objections in principle provided that the total increase in size would not constitute a disproportionate development.
- iv. **13/10/0292 Bradford House, Bradford Lane, Belbroughton** - proposed agricultural store. The Committee agreed to repeat its previous objections on the grounds that this would be a substantial new building in the green belt and an overdevelopment of the site.

### **144/13 Planning decisions**

#### **Approved**

**13/0165 5 Church Hill, Belbroughton** - extension to rear of property to replace existing conservatory

### **145/13 Other planning business**

#### ***Veolia application for a Incinerator Bottom Ash facility***

Veolia had not yet responded to the Council's request that they should attend a public meeting organised by the Council. The Committee agreed that a public meeting should be set up regardless of Veolia's response so that the Council could inform residents about the proposals and how to respond to the County Council and also to seek their views on the proposals. The need for professional input to the Council's response to the application was also discussed. The Clerk had held preliminary discussions with 2 local planning consultants about the help they could offer. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the Council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June- but in the meantime the Clerk was asked to make enquiries of CALC about whether they could recommend anyone with expertise in planning and waste management matters.

**28, Queens Hill, Belbroughton**

Concerns had been raised by a number of residents about the lack of progress in restoring this property and about the storage container at the front of the dwelling. The Clerk had discussed this with the District's Conservation Officer who had made the following comments:

- An agreed work programme was in place and progress was being made on the building albeit quite slowly
- Monthly visits were being made by the Conservation Officer to check on progress
- Rendering of the outside of the property would be done when the external temperature was right
- The storage container was a temporary measure to keep tools and property secure- it would removed once the house itself was secure
- The District Council had to consider what action it was expedient to take - if they sought to prosecute the owner a court might well find their action unreasonable since progress was being made on restoring the building; it was a matter of judgment whether other measures would achieve the desired outcome any more quickly

The Clerk was asked to request regular progress reports from the Conservation Officer and to ask whether it would be possible to set a fixed timetable and deadlines for the work.

***Other enforcement issues***

Clerk to make enquiries about work adjacent to the new entrance at the new dwelling behind 23-25 High Street, Belbroughton.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Signed.....Chairman