

**Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of Belbroughton Parish Council held in the Meeting Room, Belbroughton on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010**

**Present:** Cllrs I Hadley, A Ince, L Deeley, L Hardcastle, T Jones, P Shotton and C Scurrell

In attendance : C Limm, Clerk.

The applicants for item 10/0720 also attended. The Chairman suspended standing orders for a short time to allow them to provide information about their application and to answer any questions from the Committee.

**254/10 Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wright.

**255/10 Declarations of interest:** Cllr Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in application 10/0710 which related to his house.

**256/10 Minutes of Planning Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July :** The Minutes were agreed and the Minute book was signed by the Chairman.

**257/10 Planning Applications:**

- i. **10/0689 2-4, Church Hill, Belbroughton** - conversion of former barn into 2 residential units - removal of conditions. PC had no firm view but asked the planning authority to consider carefully the original reasons for the condition relating to the tiled floor and whether these remain valid.
- ii. **10/0735 17, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield** – resubmission of planning approval 02/0377 – attached garage to side of property. No objections.
- iii. **10/0737 79, Hartle Lane, Belbroughton** – single storey side extension. No objections.
- iv. **10/0720 Field no. 1530 adj. Pool House Farm, Hockley Brook Lane-** construction of all-weather equestrian area - no objections but the Committee suggested a condition to restrict the menage to personal use only.
- v. **10/0710 42, Mount Road, Fairfield-** porch and bay window extension to front elevation. No objections provided the extension would not exceed the building line.
- vi. **10/0672 2, Brookfield House, Hackman’s Gate Lane, Belbroughton-** existing single glazed timber windows to be replaced with double glazed timber windows – Listed Building Consent. No objections

**258/10 Planning decisions**

**Approved**

**B/2010/0534 Crossways, Galtons Lane** - alterations and extensions to dwelling and new vehicular access.

**B/2010/0101 2, Hartle Lane, Belbroughton** - conversion of industrial buildings to residential use. There were a large number of conditions attached – the Clerk held a copy on file.

**Refused**

**B/2010/0468 6, Church Road, Belbroughton** – first floor rear extension.

**259/10 Parish Council input to planning decisions**

The Committee discussed concerns about some recent planning decisions by the District Council and also about enforcement. The Clerk suggested that the Committee should review its approach, including considering whenever it objected to a planning application whether to request that it should be considered by the District's planning committee rather than delegated to a planning officer. This would give the Parish Council an opportunity to speak at the planning meeting. It was agreed to consider this further at the next Parish Council planning meeting. In the meantime the Clerk would chase a response to the Council's letter about a baseline survey in the Chadwich quarry area.

The Clerk mentioned the planning training being organized by the District Council for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September. This would include a session on the councillor's role in the planning process. It would be useful if members of the planning committee could attend since this might provide useful insights into the best way to influence planning decisions.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm. Signed.....Chairman