

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COACH HOUSE, CROWN YARD, HIGH STREET, BILLERICAY ON TUESDAY 25th August 2015 AT 7 pm

Present

Cllr I Davie – Chairman	Cllr J Buchanan – Vice Chairman	Cllr A Adshead
Cllr P Bowditch	Cllr J Clark	Cllr S McCaffery
Cllr D Spencer		

In Attendance Deborah Tonkiss, Town Clerk and four members of the public

54 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dear, Devlin and Moore

55 Declarations of Interest with Regard to Agenda Items

There were none.

56 Public Participation Session with Respect to Agenda Items

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to hear comments from a member of the public regarding planning application 15/01021/FULL, 75 Chapel Street. The member of the public was the owner of the property and spoke about how the intention is to convert the property into a functional family home whilst retaining the Edwardian character of the building.

57 Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2015

Resolved: following approval, the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

58 Planning Applications

15/01021/FULL	75 Chapel Street	Demolish existing rear additions and construct part single part two storey rear extension Resolved: No objection to this application
15/00771/FULL	249 Perry Street	Roof extension and external alterations Resolved: No objection to this application

15/00847/FULL	46 Rosslyn Road	Side and rear extensions and roof alterations to existing house Resolved: No objection to this application
15/00948/FULL	Oak Lodge Buckwyns Chase	Demolition of existing buildings, surrender of lawful uses and construction of 1 detached dwelling with garage and associated driveway Resolved: The Town Council objected to this application on the grounds of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excessive development in the Green Belt
15/00967/FULL	Braeside Lodge Brackendale	Extension and conversion of bungalow to chalet style dwelling house Resolved: The Town Council objected to this application on the grounds of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overdevelopment of the site Exceeds permissible limits for development in the Green Belt
15/00982/FULL	44 Frithwood Lane	Construction of replacement dwelling together with a detached elderly persons annexe Resolved: The Town Council objected to this application on the grounds of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detrimental to residential amenity of neighbouring properties Is backland development
15/00990/FULL	1 Blacksmith Close	Construction of feature brick and wrought iron retaining wall facing Blacksmith Close together with the installation of a 2 metre brick pier to support a gate facing Anvil Way Resolved: No objection to this application
15/00997/FULL	18 Cromwell Avenue	Proposed first floor rear extension and side dormer Resolved: No objection to this application
15/01027/FULL	85 Scrub Rise	Single storey rear extension Resolved: No objection to this application

15/01035/VAR	La Fitness Radford Way	Removal of condition 3 of planning permission 90/0635/FULL to allow for 24 hour use of the fitness centre Resolved: No objection to this application
15/01050/FULL	332 Perry Street	Conversion of chalet bungalow to two storey house Resolved: No objection to this application

59 Questions from Press and Public

A member of the public asked about the Planning Committee's opinion of Green Belt development. Cllr Davie said that the Committee was trying to represent the views of Billericay residents and they would always look closely at Green Belt applications as they are not generally welcome. Cllr Buchanan said that some developments are relatively modest and adhere to the legal technicalities which the Committee always looks at. The experts are the officers at Basildon Council. Very few applications are received to build something completely new. The Green Belt was established to prevent urban sprawl and central Government policy is very strong in protecting this. There would need to be very exceptional circumstances for permission to be granted.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm. The next Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday 9th September 2015.

Chairman

Date