

MINUTES

of the

PLANNING COMMITTEE

held on 9 February 2021 at 6:00pm

Present:

Councillor J A Sosin (Chair)

Councillors L Ashley, H Ayres, S Dobson, J Frasca, P Hughes, R Hyland, R Lee, G H J Pooley, R J Poulter, T E Roper, E Sampson, C Shaw and I Wright

Also present: Councillors P Clarke, J Lardge, M J Mackrory and J A Potter

1. Chair's Announcements

For the benefit of the public, the Chair explained the arrangements for the meeting.

2. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

The attendance of those present was confirmed. Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor L Millane.

3. Declarations of Interest

All Members are reminded that they must disclose any interests they knew they had in items of business on the meeting's agenda and that they must do so at this point on the agenda or as soon as they became aware of the interest. If the interest was a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they were also obliged to notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the meeting. Any declarations are recorded in the relevant minute below.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 12 January 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

5. Public Question Time

There were no questions or statements from the public.

6. Land Adjacent to 4 James Croft, Galleywood, Chelmsford – 20/01249/FUL

Councillor R J Hyland informed the Committee that he had chaired the committee of Galleywood Parish Council that had come to a view on this application and therefore would not participate in its consideration.

(M7, PL27, 2020 and M7, PL31, 2020) At its last meeting the Committee had again deferred consideration of an application for the construction of a single detached house on land adjacent to 4 James Croft, Galleywood. Owing to the latest restrictions on movement and public gatherings, it had not been possible to hold an official site visit, as the Committee had previously decided, and it was hoped instead that drone footage of the site could be obtained. That, however, had not been possible and the Committee was advised that its options were to determine the application without a site visit; defer the application until a formal site visit could be arranged in accordance with the previous decision of the Committee; or defer the application until the next meeting and request that members carry out an informal site visit if they felt they needed to see the site to come to a decision.

The majority of members of the Committee concluded that they had insufficient information on the impact of the proposed development to make a decision without an official site visit, as part of which they would need access to and view the site from neighbouring properties. Members also believed that in view of the length of time since the application was first brought to the Committee, it should, when next considered, be dealt with as if being brought to the Committee for the first time, with all information received and changes made in the meantime being included in the report on the application.

RESOLVED that application 20/01249/FUL in respect of land adjacent to 4 James Croft, Galleywood, Chelmsford be deferred for an official site visit.

7. Planning Appeals

RESOLVED that the information on appeal decisions between 19 December 2020 to 27 January 2021 be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm

Chair