



Brickhill Parish Council Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting held at St Mark's Church Community Centre on Thursday 10 February 2011 commencing at 6:30pm

Present: Cllrs Blakeman, Wilkins, Seymour, Waterhouse, Ovenell and the Clerk

1 Public Open Session

No questions from members of the public

2 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

3 Declarations of Interest

None

4 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the 13 January were adopted as a true record of the meeting.

5 Planning Applications

- **11/00146/TPO 194 Kimbolton Road**

It was resolved that the parish council wished to object to this application as it believes the inconvenience created is insufficient to justify the reduction of the canopy of these mature trees.

- **11/00115/FUL land to rear of 149 Brickhill Drive**

It was resolved that the Parish Council wished to object to this application on the following grounds:

The proposed development seems to be an over-development of the site and will result in a house with a very small garden

The proposed development will push the building line forward and will be out of keeping with the existing street scene

The Parish Council notes the comments about fly tipping which are made in the Planning Matters doc at 2.13 which do not accord with local knowledge of the site and the refuse there.

- **10/03017/COU – Putnoe Medical Centre, 71A Brickhill Drive, MK41 7QE**

It was resolved that the Parish Council had no objections to this application

- **11/00077/FUL – 16 Curlew Crescent, MK41 7HX**

It was resolved that the Parish Council had no objections to this application

- **11/00152/TELPN – Erection of Telephone Mast on Brickhill Drive**
It was resolved that the Parish wished to object to this application on the following grounds:
 - The proposed cabinet will contribute to street clutter
 - The cabinets will open on to the footpath causing an obstruction to pedestrians and wheelchair users
 - The height of the mast is obtrusive, almost twice the height of the trees nearby and very overbearing for the residents of the nearby flats. The PC also notes that the proposed site statement seems misleading, as the plan seems to show the mast not by the recycling bins/exit but by the entrance to the car park.

The Clerk advised Council that the Planning Committee had been made aware of a recent case in which they objected to the granting of planning permission for an extension but the application was not called in to the Borough Council Planning Committee. Permission was granted by the Case Officer using his delegated powers.

The Case Officer had informed the Clerk that the Borough's policy of always referring such cases to the Planning Committee had changed and the only way to ensure a case was referred to Committee was for the Ward Councillor to object. The Planning Committee urged the Parish Council to write to the Borough Council objecting to this new policy if it had been adopted.

6 Date of next meeting: Thursday 10 March 6pm at St Mark's Church Community Centre

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Signed by Chairman 10 March 2011