

**Minutes of a Planning and Forward Development Committee Meeting of Watton Town Council
held on Tuesday 18 January 2011 at 7.00 pm at the Council Chambers, Wayland Hall, Watton.**

Members Present: Councillor Cooper Councillor J P McCarthy
 Councillor Gilbert Councillor Rogers – Vice Chairman
 Councillor Osborn Councillor Rudling - Chairman
 Councillor L McCarthy Councillor Wassell

Officers Present: J Seal - Town Clerk

Others Present: District Councillor Claire Bowes

Members of the Public Present: Nine (9)

59 APOLOGIES

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Wykes

60 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors L and JP McCarthy declared personal interests in planning application 3PL/2010/0004/F as suppliers to the applicant.

Councillors L and JP McCarthy declared personal interests in item 61.2 as they owned premises on Griston Road.

61 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was agreed by Members that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record

61 CORRESPONDENCE

61.1 Planning Application 3PL/2010/1198/F. Rear extension, new roof (rooms included) and double garage. New access to Churchill Close, 29 Merton Road, Watton had been withdrawn.

61.2 Proposed Shared Use Facility Adjacent to B1108 Norwich Road, Wayland High School Cycle Route which is programmed for construction in 2011/12 financial year will involve widening and converting the existing footway to a shared use footway/cycleway from the north end of Priory Road, to the footway on the B1108 Norwich Road and along Norwich Road up to the junction with Griston Road as per drawing.

Support for the scheme is requested.

It was agreed that further information was needed on the width of the cycle way/footway along the Norwich Road and Griston Road.

62 PLANNING RESULTS

Plan No	Application	Detail	WTC	BC
3PL/2010/1059/F	M Bilverstone 91 Nelson Court Watton	Erection of fence (retrospective) and proposed square trellis 91 Nelson Court, Watton	Refusal	Refusal

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3PL/2010/1001/F	T Young Oakwood 10 Canon Close	Erection of timber shed (retrospective) 10 Canon Close, Watton	Refusal	Approval
3PL/2010/1121/F	Clayland Estates 1 Clayland House Norwich Rd. Watton	Extension to existing comm. offices, 2 no 1 bedroom studio flats above. 1 Clayland House, Norwich Rd, Watton	No Objection	Approval
3PL/2010/1168/F Refusal	Mr S F Smith	Single storey dwelling 22 Kingfisher Way, Watton		Refusal
3PL/2010/1122/A	WCHS Merton Road, Watton	4 no 6m high flag poles with Banners positioned at the front of school Wayland Community High School Merton Road, Watton	No Objection	Consent
3PL/2010/1114/F	Shaun Mower 38c Priory Road Watton, IP25 6PQ	Two storey extension (incorporating garage) to existing dwelling 38c Priory Road, Watton	Refusal	Refusal
3PL/2010/0983/O	Mr & Mrs Dye 17a Church Road Watton	Proposed demolition of 43 Norwich Road & new residential dev. -14 no 1 bed. Units (for over 60s) 43 Norwich Road, Watton	Refusal	Refusal
PP/Y/3/2010/3004	WCHS Merton Road Watton	Erection of single storey extension to provide two class bases, two meeting rooms, two store rooms General office and toilet facilities For a Special Resource Base:	No Objection	Approval

63 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Plan No	Application	Details		
3PL/2010/1313/F	Able Cleaning & Hygiene Supplies 40 Paddock Street City Trading Estate Norwich	Replace cladding, erect new office accommodation & C/U from manufacturing unit to storage & distribution 31 Threxton Road Industrial Estate, Watton		
No objection				
3PL/2010/0004/F	R Old 29 Merton Road Watton	Retention of shed and fence 29 Merton Road Watton		

The Chairman allowed Members of the public to give their views on the application. Residents were very concerned at the size of the shed that utilities such as mains sewage drains, water, and electricity had been put in, the roof trusses were the same as for a house, the height of the roof, a tiled roof and felt that it had been built in the same way as for living accommodation.

Members were also concerned at the height of the fence that had been erected and that the boundaries to the property had been affected.

It was proposed by Councillor Rudling and seconded by Councillor Wassell and

RESOLVED

Voting: 5 for with 3 Abstentions

That the fence be 1 metre all the way round the property

It was proposed by Councillor Wassell and seconded by Councillor Cooper and

RESOLVED

That refusal be recommended and that the shed be removed or planning permission be submitted, not in keeping with a garden shed as it has mains electricity, full sewage drainage, mains water and double glazed windows.

It was agreed that enforcement be asked to look into the height of the fence and if there had been any boundary changes.

Councillor Bowes was asked to take up the issues in support of the Council at Breckland.

64 URGENT BUSINESS

An article published in one of the local government journals relating to the number of charity shops in prime town centre positions was highlighted.

Members asked for further information for the next meeting.

65 FORMER WATTON RAF LAND

The Chairman informed the committee that the land at the former RAF Watton site some 500 acres had been offered back to the previous owners and that it was in Griston and Carbrooke.

66 LDF SITE CHURCH ROAD

The Chairman explained that the piece of land next to the existing cemetery had not been accepted in the Local Development Framework as the Council had requested, and felt that the Council should employ a consultant to appeal against the decision.

It was proposed by Councillor Wassell and seconded by Councillor Cooper and

RESOLVED

That quotes for the work be sought and that due to the time scale involved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman appoint the consultant without reference to the committee.

The Meeting ended at 8.15pm

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