PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee held in Ellesmere Town Hall on Wednesday 19 December, 2018 at 10.00am.

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Elner (Chair), P Goulbourne, D Lunn, Mrs E Peers and Mrs J

Williams

Phil Smith - Assistant Clerk

Public Question Time

A resident of Cherry Drive had submitted a letter asking if there were any developments planned for the land at the end of Cherry Drive towards the Business Park. She was unable to attend the meeting, but Cllr Mrs E Peers explained that residents' were concerned that unidentified persons had been seen surveying the area.

PI-34/18 <u>To Receive Apologies and Reason for Absence.</u>

<u>RESOLVED</u> - that the apologies received from Cllr Mrs J Clayton - medical appointment, and Cllr R Hartley - holiday - be approved.

PI-35/18 <u>Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests in Items on the Agenda</u>

None received.

PI-36/18 Grant Dispensations

None received.

PI-37/18 Public Question Time

The Chair stated that, while the Council was not aware of any planned developments on the land between Cherry Drive and the Business Park, a watching brief would be kept on the situation. He would provide a response to the resident concerned. Cllr Mrs E Peers thanked Cllrs G Elner and Mrs J Williams, and the Town Clerk, for their assistance in this matter.

PI-38/18 Minutes

It was moved by Cllr Mrs E Peers, seconded by Cllr G Elner and

<u>RESOLVED</u> – that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2018 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

PI-39/18 Planning

(a) Planning Applications For Consideration

(i) 18/05524/LBC – 36 Watergate Street, Ellesmere – removal of existing range fire only, fireplace and surround to remain, installation of new wood burning stove and chimney liner affecting a Grade II Listed Building.

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It was moved by Cllr Mrs J Williams, seconded by Cllr Mrs E Peers and

<u>RESOLVED</u> – that the application be supported.

(ii) 18/00109/FUL – Ellesmere Primary School, Elson Rd, Ellesmere – erection of a 2 storey and single storey extensions to existing school building, re-location of existing single storey building and creation of a new parking area and all weather sports pitch – submission of amended plans

Following an objection from Sport England about the loss of playing field land and the dimensions of the proposed all weather sports pitch, the applicants had submitted amended plans that had reduced the size of the new parking area and addressed the concerns about the sports pitch. It was noted that the Town Council had supported the original application.

Members referred to the current access drive from Elson Road and concerns that occasionally coaches and other large vehicles had to park outside the School grounds on Elson Road, where there was poor visibility for through traffic, as they were unable to turn round within the existing parking area. It was hoped that some assurances could be given that the new parking area would be able to accommodate coaches and larger vehicles.

It was moved by Cllr P Goulbourne, seconded by Cllr D Lunn and

<u>RESOLVED</u> – that the Council has no objection to the amended application, but would like assurances that the car parking area/access road will be of sufficient size to allow coaches and larger vehicles to collect/drop-off rather than parking outside the School grounds on Elson Road where there is limited visibility for traffic to drive round parked vehicles.

(b) <u>Planning Applications Received After the Issue of the Agenda</u>

(i) 18/05337/FUL – 1 Swan Mere Park, Ellesmere – erection of two storey extension and alterations to driveway.

Members did not believe that the proposed extension would have any adverse impact on the visual amenity of neighbouring properties, and it was moved by Cllr Mrs J Williams, seconded by Cllr P Goulbourne and

RESOLVED - that the application be supported.

Meeting closed at 10.31 am

Date: 16.1.2019