

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 17th September 2007

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough (Chair)

Councillors Linda Burn, T Fiddler, C Robb, L Rigby, P Quinn, Mrs. E Willis, Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Whitehead, Mrs. M Dowling and Mrs. M Foster.

Apologies: Councillor T Threlfall.

1) Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2) To review the Application received from BAE.

Councillor Fiddler stated that he was attending the meeting in an advisory capacity and would not be able to prefer a view.

The Clerk reported that BAE had responded to the points made, at the recent meeting and they have been incorporated into the proposed application.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council should object to this proposal for the following reasons:-

1. The proposal is contrary to FBC’s development plan because this land is designated for employment use and not for retail, hotel, restaurant and a supermarket.
2. The greater part of this proposal is for retail use. FBC’s Policy plan anticipates supermarkets being built but, not outside the urban areas. (i.e. Lytham St Annes and Kirkham). The Plan anticipates that any retail development in Warton will be on a small scale and will not attract shoppers from outside the Warton/Freckleton area. A supermarket of this size, in conjunction with a petrol station, will attract shoppers from outside the area and will have a devastating impact on the local retailers.
3. The proposed site will increase the volume of traffic from the West and the road structure in Warton will not cope with this increase. The traffic from the east will also increase and the residents of Freckleton will find it difficult to get out of the village. It is anticipated that traffic on Lytham road will be considerably affected.
4. There will be an increase in noise and light pollution in the immediate vicinity of the supermarket, particularly for people who live on Rydal Ave, Westway and Lamaleach drive, in Freckleton. This will have a detrimental effect on these residents.

3) To review the FBC’s draft Interim Housing Questionnaire

The following were agreed:-

Matter 1 – Option 3; Matter 2 – Option 2; Matter 3 – Option 3; Matter 4 – Option 3; Matter 5 – Option 2; Matter 6 – Option 1; Matter 7– Option 2; Matter 8 – Option 1; Matter 9 – Option 3; Matter 10 – Option 1; Matter 11 – Option 1; Matter 12 – Option 1.

All were agreed by a unanimous decision, except for matters 2, 4 and 6 and these were agreed by a majority decision.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed..... ..L Rigby, Vice-Chairman.....

Date.....1st October 2007.....