

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24th October 2007

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough (Chair)

Councillors T Fiddler, Mrs. E Willis, Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. M Whitehead, P Quinn and Mark Evans from FBC.

Apologies: Councillor C Robb.

1) Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2) Informal discussions with Mark Evans, FBC.

Mark stated that he was asking Parish Council's if they would review their procedures so that communications could be improved. He indicated that he was pleased with the way the Freckleton PC had embraced the electronic procedures. The Clerk asked if the basic information relating to the application forms, (e.g. Number, address, description and date to be returned) could be sent by email, as the paper copies were not required. In addition, he indicated that paper copies of agendas and minutes were not required as they can be downloaded from the internet, if required. Mark agreed to see if the information could be transmitted electronically.

Mark stated that he was pleased that the Chairman visited the property for each application and indicated that he would state this on the acknowledgement letter that is issued.

3) Previous applications

The Chairman reported that FBC had made the following decisions on the applications considered since the last meeting:-

App. No.	Location	Description	Decision
07/0245	92, Rydal Ave	Single storey ext. to side	Granted
07/0779	Boatyard, Naze lane	Erection of canopy to end of existing workshop	Granted
07/0822	197, Kirkham road	Certificate of lawfulness(existing use) for use of buildings as offices/Research & development (use class B1)	Withdrawn
07/0852	15, Mill View	Conservatory to rear.	Granted
07/0884	16, Croft Manor	Proposed sliding door to replace existing window	Granted
07/0885	43, Rydal Ave	Demolition of attached garage; 2 storey side extension with dormer	Withdrawn
07/0890	23, Bush lane	Dormer ext. to front & rear of dwelling & utility & downstairs WC	Granted
07/0904	85, Bush lane	Retrospective application for proposed oil storage tank and replacement boundary fence.	Refused
07/0924	62-64, Preston Old road	Re-submission – rear 2 storey ext. with internal alterations	Granted
07/0463	Woodys Warehouse, Kirkham road,	Certificated of lawfulness for retail & wholesale of agricultural supplies, Building materials and products, B2 and B8 use.	Granted

There then followed a general discussion on why this application had been granted, on legal grounds. It was agreed that Councillors Greenhough and Mrs. Whitehead should meet with the Ian Curtis, the Legal Executive Officer and review the evidence that was produced in making this decision. It was agreed that the boundaries of this application should be checked to see if the activities of this

business have encroached over the agreed boundary line. In addition, FBC will refer the new advertising signs to the Enforcement Officer, to ensure they are compliant.

4) The following applications were considered:-

Councilor Fiddler informed the meeting that he was attending in an advisory capacity and would not be involved in any decision making.

App. No.	Location	Description	Decision	Comments
07/0934	Hillcross farm, Hillock Lane, Warton	Proposed change of use of existing piggeries into Storage units	Supports	providing the usage remains as B8.
07/0245	92 Rydal Ave	Single storey ext. to side – amendment to original application	Supports	
07/1044	17, Lamaleach Drive	Replacement porch to front	Supports	it will enhance the visual amenity of the area
05/07/1026 – from LCC	Clifton Marsh Chemical Transfer Facility	Extension to existing Chemical Waste storage Building	Supports	it will improve the environmental safety of the site.
07/1032	Lower lane farm, Lower lane	Proposed extension to existing storage building to form new collecting yard & milking parlour.	Supports	

5) To review the Small sites exception (HL1) document from FBC

Mark gave a summary of the contents of this document and stated that at the moment this document was for information only. It was agreed that the Clerk should distribute a copy to all the Parish Councillors.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed..... M Dowling, Chairman.....

Date.....05/11/07.....