Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 17th January 2011

Present: Councillor St J Greenhough (Chair)

Councillors C Robb, Mrs. S Delany, Mrs. L Willis, Mrs M Whitehead, Mrs M Foster, L Burn, L Rigby, P Ouinn, T Fiddler, T Threlfall

1) To accept Apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs M Dowling (sickness)

It was resolved that the reason for absence be accepted.

2) Public participation

Lengthy discussions took place regarding various applications on the agenda to which members took note

3) To record declaration of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

Councillor T Fiddler reminded members that he is present in an advisory capacity rather than a voting capacity.

Councillor Quinn declared a possible future interest (through his employment) in application 10/0611 – Cooper House Farm.

Councillor Threlfall declared a personal interest in application 10/0889 – Grange Farm.

4) To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2010

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2010, previously circulated, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

5) It was resolved to make the following comments on the applications received from Fylde Borough Council:

App. No.	Location	Description	Decision	Comments
10/0611	Cooper House Farm, Kirkham Rd, North of Bypass	Construction of an anaerobic digester plant for production of electricity from farm crops and waste. Plant includes 3 x digester tanks, clamps, CHP unites, hard surface areas, weighbridge, burn-off flare and other associated development	Objects	The application is for a large industrial activity which is inappropriate activity in the Green Belt. For the digester to be described as a source of renewable energy is in no way a material consideration to overcome the green belt argument. It is not sustainable to divert food crops, including grass which is part of the food chain at a time of world food shortages. The very large industrial buildings would adversely impact on the openness of the green belt in this particular location. The Parish Council would require details of the tonnage of organic matter required to service the digesters and the number of large lorry movements accessing the site. Also, the site access is on a dangerous, right angled bend which has a serious accident record.
10/0865	Land formally, Wild Goose House, Goe Lane	Proposed erection of 7 affordable residential dwellings including formation of vehicular and pedestrian access and associated hard	Objects	As the access onto Lytham Rd is totally unsuitable, too narrow and could not cope with the amount of general traffic movement within the site. It is substantial backland development which should not be encouraged where dwellings are over looking other dwellings, and it is an overintensive use of the site

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		and soft		
10/0791	23, Lytham Rd	landscaping Variation of condition 2 on application 10/0349 to allow premises to operate between 07.00 and 18.00 on Monday-Friday (inclusive) and between 08.00 and 18.00 on Saturdays with no opening on Sundays or Bank	Supports	
		Holidays		
10/0889	Grange Farm, Preston Old Road	Proposed change of use of part of farm building to retail unit (Class A1)	Supports	As this will provide local employment
11/0021	Ravold Farm, Brades Lane	Proposed steel framed livestock building	Supports	As this will help with the running and safety of the farm
10/0837	Rear of, 52, Kirkham Rd, North of Bypass	Retrospective application for erection of single storey building providing Class B1 office unit	Supports	As this should encourage local employment

6) To review the applications considered by FBC

Number	Address	Description	FBC	Freckleton	FC comments
			Decision	Decision	
10/0819	45, The Mede	Proposed single storey rear	Granted	Supports	As this is in keeping
		extension			with the streetscene
10/0004	Ravold Farm,	Agricultural	Withdrawn		
	Brades Lane	determination-proposed	Invalid		
		sheep building	Application		
10/0822	Lamaleach	Construction of control	Raise No	Supports	As this has no impact
	wastewater	kiosk, pressure balancing	Objection		on the streetscene
	pumping station,	stack, hardstanding,			
	Green Lane West	improved access junction,			
		as part of sewer upgrade			
10/0750	7, Rigby Close	Proposed formation of	Granted	Supports	As this is in keeping
		pitched roof and			with the streetscene
		extensions to front and			
		side of garage associated			
		with its conversion to			
		additional living			
		accommodation			
10/0689	15, School Lane	Proposed single storey	Granted	Supports	As this will enhance
		side/rear extension			the appearance of the
		following demolition of			property
		existing outhouse/lean to			
10/0621	BAE Systems	Proposed replacement	Granted	Supports	
		security fence			
10/0563	Land on East Side	Re-sub of 09/0844-	Refused	Supports	
	of Shanklin	Proposed erection of			
	House, Kirkham	detached three bedroomed			

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		dwelling with associated garage, hardstanding and landscaping		
10/0499		Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and detached garage	Granted	As this will have no impact on the streetscene
10/0599	School, School Lane	Proposed remodeling of junior department including single storey extensions of front and rear	Granted	As this will improve the school and local community facilities

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed Councillor St J Greenhough

Date 14th February 2011

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