

BRICKHILL

PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 6th October 2022 at 6.30pm in St Marks Church and Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill

Present:

Cllrs Blakeman, Green and the Clerk (Mrs S Bottoms).

Item	Description
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Brazier and Grant.</p> <p>As this meeting was not quorate, the decisions made by this Committee were considered under item 9 of the main meeting of the Parish Council which immediately followed this meeting.</p>
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None.</p>
3.	<p>To confirm the minutes of Thursday 1st September 2022: The minutes were adopted as a true record of the meeting.</p>
4.	<p>Public Open Sessions (10 minutes): None.</p>
5.	<p>To Review and Comment on the Following Planning Applications:</p> <p>i) 22/01957/FUL 37 Nursery Gardens, MK41 8DU. 1 metre height boundary wall and gates and soft landscaping design including shrubs and planting.</p> <p>The Planning Committee had no objections.</p> <p>ii) 22/02019/FUL 80 Waveney Avenue, MK41 7ED. Front porch extension and single storey rear extension.</p> <p>The Planning Committee had no objections.</p> <p>iii) 22/02110/TELPN Land at junction of Kimbolton Road and Putnoe Lane. Installation of new 5G equipment, comprising 18m high monopole supporting 6 no. antennas with a wraparound equipment cabinet at base of column, the installation of 3no. new equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto.</p>



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	<p>The Planning Committee had agreed to object to this application. This decision was ratified by the Parish Council. The objection was on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council understood that all the networks had decided that they would not proliferate the number of masts throughout the country but would use the same mast where possible. Why does this mast need updating when there is another mast diagonally opposite around 20 metres away on Brickhill Drive corner which is also planned to be upgraded shortly. • Should it be necessary to upgrade this, it is noted that the existing pole is incorporated into a lamp post. Clearly the new pole will be significantly higher (67%). Will an additional lighting column be needed? • There is concern about damage to well established trees in the vicinity when foundations for this new monopole are dug. <p>Should the Planning Department decide to approve this application, any new pole and cabinet must not encroach onto the pavement.</p>
6.	<p>To Receive a List of Planning Decisions from the Borough Received since the Last Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 22/01821/FUL22/01821/FUL 37 Pipit Rise, MK41 7JU. First floor front extension. Permitted. ii) 22/01710/FUL 19 Brickhill Drive, MK41 7PY. Single storey side extension to replace existing. Permitted. iii) 21/03330/FUL Garage Blocks at Rooksmead. Removal of existing garages and erection of 2 two-bedroom bungalows and associated external works. Permitted (CIL Liable). iv) 19/01431/S73A Park Apartments 81-83 Kimbolton Road, MK41 9DL. Condition 3 Light shielding method (discharge of conditions). Refused.



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7.	<p>Late applications for Consideration:</p> <p>22/02168/TELLN Brickhill Drive. The upgrade of the existing rooftop base station to provide improved network services for Telefonica. This is notification only to the Local Authority who have no determining powers.</p> <p>The Planning Committee had supported not objecting to the general location for the mast but to strongly object to its proposed location. This response was ratified by the Parish Council. The Parish Council understood that the Local Authority have no determining powers with regards this notification, but was still of the view that it was important that it makes a response.</p> <p>The location was objected to on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The placement of the current mast and cabinets is on a busy dual use cycle/pedestrian path which is already on the narrow side for this use and the installation reduces the overall width by around 25%. This should never have been authorised in the first place and the Parish Council would not like this upgrade to just replace the current installation in the same place.• One would never expect such equipment to be placed on a carriageway and likewise the Parish Council would not expect to see one on a cycle track. In fact Bedford Borough Council has a policy to not allow any obstructions such as masts and cabinets on a path/cycle track.• Could steps be taken to amend the installation position and install the new mast and cabinets on the ground adjacent to the path with the cabinet doors facing away to avoid further obstructions.

Approved and signed by

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Chairman
3rd November 2022