

2020/21-5

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 4th April 2024 at 6.30pm in St Marks Church and Community Centre, Calder Rise, Brickhill

Present:

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

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1.	Apologies for Absence: None.
2.	Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: Cllr Blakeman declared an interest in 5iii. He took no part in the decision made.
3.	To confirm the minutes of Thursday 7 th March 2024: These were signed as a true record of the meeting.
4.	Public Open Sessions (10 minutes): None.
5.	 To Review and Comment on the Following Planning Applications: 24/00575/FUL 11 Falcon Avenue, MK41 7DS. The insertion of a new first floor window to left side of property. The Planning Committee agreed that the comment should be made as to whether the window should be frosted. 24/00584/FUL 59 Mallard Hill, MK41 7QU.

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	Two storey side extension, single storey & part two storey rear extension.
	The Planning Committee had no objections or comments to make.
	iii) 24/00525/S73A 17 Dove Road, MK41 7AA.
	Retrospective planning permission application – single storey side extension and monopitch roof to front (development already commenced).
	The Planning Committee had no objections or comments to make.
	iv) 23/00244/MAF Land at Bedford Heights, Brickhill Drive (in adjoining parish).
	Erection of four-storey building providing 36 (1-bed) affordable housing apartments, communal and amenity areas, landscaping, parking and access.
	The Planning Committee strongly objected to this planning application. The size, height (4 storey) and mass will have an overbearing impact on the surrounding area and will dominate the landscape on the approach up Brickhill Drive and for the residents of Eagle Gardens.
	In addition, the Planning Committee was concerned as to whether the existing utilities infrastructure in the area could cope with this development. In particular the sewerage and drainage systems. In recent years, Brickhill Drive has been subjected to periods where waste has been coming up through the manhole covers and running down Brickhill Drive and past Curlew Crescent. It is aware that Bedford Borough Council has been attempting to get Anglian Water to take action to deal with this. There is concern that further development of this scale will add to the problems.
6.	To Receive a List of Planning Decisions from the Borough Received since the Last Meeting:
	i) 19/01662/DC3 Rooksmead
	Condition 3 – Tree Protection (Discharge of conditions). Permitted.
	ii) 19/01662/DC3 Rooksmead
	Condition 4 – Replacement planting (Discharge of conditions). Refused.

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	iii) 19/01840/FUL Pilgrims Pre-Preparatory School, Brickhill Drive, MK41 7QZ.
	Condition 4 Travel Plan (Discharge of Condition) Refused.
	iv) 23/02518/FUL Little Farm Park, Hawk Drive, MK41 7YF.
	Conversion and extension of two existing outbuildings to form five units of accommodation for teenagers and young adults with learning difficulties and autism. Permitted.
	v) 24/00184/FUL 31 Chelmer Close, MK41 7YD.
	Single storey side and rear extension. Permitted.
7.	Late planning applications for consideration:
	i) 24/00614/FUL 164 Kimbolton Road, MK41 8DN.
	Proposed dormer window to west elevation and additional Velux rooflight to south elevation.
	The Planning Committee had no objections or comments to make.

Approved and signed by

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Chairman 2nd May 2024