

**GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of the MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD at**  
**GREATHAM VILLAGE HALL on TUESDAY, 16th NOVEMBER, 2004 at 7:30pm**

Present: D.Jerrard (Chairman) (DJ)  
A. J. Booton (AiB)  
T. J. Wicking (Clerk) (TJW)  
M. Chennell (MC)  
A. Bridgman (AB)  
H. Rowles (HR)

Members of the public in attendance: Mrs Bridgman, P. Lamer, Mr Trodden, Mr Richardson, Mr Cathay and R Lewis.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received on behalf of Cllr Evans.
- 2. Minutes of meeting of 19/10/04:** Cllr Booton proposed and Cllr Chennell seconded that the minutes of this meeting be approved and signed.
- 3. Chairman's Announcements:** Cllr Jerrard advised the committee that he intended to keep the meeting relatively informal and invited the members of public to feel free to make any comments.
- 4. Declarations of Interest:** The Chairman explained to the members of the committee that, in relation to planning matters, it was not necessary to make a declaration of interest on the basis of their home address being close to an address of a property under discussion as the Councillors addresses are already known. There were no declarations of interest.
- 5. Correspondence and Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.  
Correspondence:
  - a. Letter — from S Marr, 8/11/04 re Kingshott Cottages
  - b. Notice of Refusal, 8/11/04 re F.39083/OUT/SM Kingshott Cottages
  - c. Letters - from P Chadwick, re Blackmoor Estate amendment to planning conditions
  - d. Letter—from R Mitchell, 11/11/04, re Affordable Housing
  - e. Letter — from Bill Price, re External Audit
  - f. Letter — from J Rowles, re Planning Application
- 6. Recent Planning Applications and Appeals:** None.
- 7. Current Planning Applications:**
  - a) Blackmoor Estate Recycling: Cllr Jerrard handed over to Mr Richardson to outline the latest position. Mr Richardson discussed receipt of two further letters of application regarding the above; an application to allow an extension until 2007 for submitting details of site restoration — reply by 30/11/04, and an application to increase lorry movements — reply by 9/12/04. With regard to the first application for Concrete Crusher, Mr Richardson informed the Committee of the legal position for a concrete crusher on the site. He also reiterated that the operator had consistently broken the rules to date and, in his opinion, if permission was given would continue to do so.

After a lengthy discussion the Committee resolved to ask Mr Richardson to amend the draft of the first letter, e-mail to the Committee members for their final approval and send by 19/11/04. The Committee further resolved to ask Mr Richardson to draft and circulate letters of objection to the other two applications.

Mr Lerner informed the Committee that several people had contacted the village website asking for more information.

Mr Lewis suggested contacting Lord Selborne as the landowner.

Cllr Booton reiterated the importance of sending in objections to the initial application (concrete crusher).

**b) Kingshott Cottages:** Cllr Jerrard ran through the history of the application and the Committee discussed the letter from Sarah Marr 8/11/04 and the Notice of Refusal at some length. The Councillors voiced their disappointment that the matter had not gone to EHDC South Planning Committee, and that a site visit had not, therefore, been carried out. The Councillors were concerned that the reasons given for refusal of planning permission could easily be overturned at appeal once the Local Plan Enquiry Inspector's Report is published. The Committee felt that had a site visit been carried out by EHDC additional reasons (i.e. traffic) for refusal would have been found which could make the Notice of Refusal more difficult to appeal against.

After discussion with the members of the public present Cllr Jerrard suggested that Cllr Bridgman draft an article for the local press which the Committee could use as a basis for a draft letter to Cllr Sam James. Cllr Jerrard suggested that he pursue the traffic issue and that the Committee should meet again informally before the next Parish Council meeting to discuss what recommendation to make to the full Council.

**ACTION: DJ/COMMITTEE**

**c) Game Shop:** Nothing further to report to date.

**8. Silver Birch & Greatham Inn:** As discussed at the last Parish Council meeting the External Audit has now been postponed until new auditors have been appointed. This will give more time to prepare the documentation for the auditors and also to include the latest position on Kingshott Cottages. There was nothing further to report on the pub car park.

**9. Housing Needs Survey:** Cllr Jerrard confirmed that the report was now on the Website and that all Committee members had received a copy of the letter from Mr Mitchell. The Committee felt that this letter eloquently put across the relevant points. There followed a discussion on the implications of the report with the members of public present. It was agreed that further discussion is necessary and the matter will be carried over to the next Parish Council meeting when Lynn Croker, Housing Development Manager is due to attend.

**10. Parish Plan:** Cllr Booton and Mr Lerner outlined the current position re the appraisal. Cllr Jerrard suggested that this issue be adjourned and raised at the next Parish Council meeting.

**11. Any Other Business:** The Committee discussed the letter from Mr Rowles and reply from Bill Young. Cllr Rowles confirmed that she will ask Mr Rowles to find out further details.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21 st December 2004 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, subject to there being any agenda items to discuss.

**13.** The meeting closed at 9:50pm.