
Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior Group Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 15 April 2014 at 7.00pm in Risbury Village Hall

Present: Cllr Rodney Thompson (Deputy Chairman) Cllr Mrs Jenny Ellerton
Cllr Mrs Stephanie Wilson Cllr Peter Lefroy-Owen

Officer in attendance: Mr Philip Brown (Clerk)

With: Mr John Bowers & Mr Gerald Frawley (applicants for 140644) and Mrs Diane Thomas.

PC22/14 Apologies for absence

Received: apologies for absence from Cllr Will Jackson and Cllr Mike Hubbard.

PC23/14 Declaration of interests and dispensations

- (a) There were no declarations of interest in agenda items from members.
- (b) There were no applications for dispensations from the rules on participation by members with a disclosable pecuniary interest.

PC24/14 Minutes of 19 March 2014

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 19 March 2014.

PC25/14 Matters for report arising from the minutes

None.

PC26/14 Application No: 140644/F - Humber Woodland of Remembrance, Stoke Prior HR6 0NE, Erection of stone monument in commemoration of Alfred Watkins of Hereford

- (a) *Received:* the application (circulated 28 March 2014).
- (b) *Noted:* a statement from the applicants that the memorial stone was proposed by the Society of Ley Hunters to commemorate Alfred Watkins, at Blackwardine crossroads, the place where he first realised the idea of straight lines or alignments linking ancient sites. Over £1200 had been raised from society members for the memorial, which would be a 2-metre-high block of sandstone, and a flat commemorative stone in the same style as commemorative stones in the green burial ground.
- (c) *Noted:* a letter of support from Mr & Mrs Tyson, near neighbours to the site, and a statement of support from Mrs Diane Thomas, owner of the site.
- (d) *Noted:* that despite explicit agreement from Mr Prior, the planning officer, for the Council to submit its comments by 16 April, he had already made and published his determination for approval on 14 April.
- (e) **Resolved:** that the Clerk should write to Mr Prior concerning this latest instance of Herefordshire Council ignoring the views of the Parish Council.
- (f) **Resolved:** to submit the comments that the committee supports the application, as the proposed memorial stone will commemorate an important local person and historical landmark.

PC27/14 Application No: 140780/FH – The Post Office, Stoke Prior HR6 0NB, Proposed removal of condition 1 of planning permission N113448/FH (Demolition of building used as store and adjoining garage. Erection of replacement store and open garage - retrospective application) - So timber colour matches other structures on property

- (a) *Received:* the application (circulated 7 April 2014).
- (b) *Noted:* the surprise of the committee that the applicant had been advised that a full planning application was needed for this amendment, given that more significant alterations to approved designs had been approved by officers for other local applications.
- (c) **Resolved:** to submit the comments that the committee supports the application, as the proposed finish was an acceptable appearance for the building.

PC28/14 Planning Applications: matters for report

(a) Application 140661: Risbury Court Farm: repairs to existing building (Listed Building Consent)

Reported: that this application had been received and circulated too late to be considered at the committee meeting within the rules concerning public notice.

Noted: from the applicant, Mrs Diane Thomas, that no structural alterations were proposed (the staircase shown on the plans would not be installed): existing timbers were being replaced.

Noted: that under Standing Order 32(f) it was proposed that, given the nature of the application, should there be no comments received about it, the Committee would not re-convene to consider it, and would not submit any comments. Notices would be posted to this effect.

(b) Application 133173, Burnt Mill, Hampton Wafre: erection of two Gaia 133 wind turbines

Reported: that the application had been refused on 10 April 2014: in the absence of a far reaching assessment and appraisal of the wider context of the proposal sites site as viewed from public vantage points and the cumulative impact of the two turbines with an extant planning approval for a wind turbine to the north west, the proposal was contrary to the provisions of Policies CF4 and LA2.

PC29/14 Dates of future meetings

Noted: the provisional date for the next meeting of the Committee: 30 April at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.41pm.

Signed(Chairman) Date