

DAVENTRY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Development Committee (P2403) held at 3, New Street, Daventry on Wednesday, 14th February 2024 at 18:30hrs.

PRESENT: Lynn Jones (Chair)

Councillors:
Stephen Dabbs
Ted Nicholl
Phillip Silk-Neilsen
Glenda Simmonds
Karen Tweedale
Katie Thurston

IN ATTENDANCE: Deborah Jewell, Chief Officer (CO)
Katie Eaton, Administration Officer

PUBIC: 1 Members of the public
0 Members of the press

OPEN FORUM

None

P2402.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

| Councillor | Apologies | Resolved |
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| Dawn Branigan | None received | Apologies Not Approved |

P2402.2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

| Councillor | Declaration Of Interest | Minute Number |
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| Ted Nicholl | Is a Trustee and Director of the Conservative Club, which is a neighbouring property relating to planning application 2024/0707 | P2403.9 |
| Philip Silk-Neilsen | Resides near property relating to planning application 2024/0653 | P2403.9 |

P2402.3 MINUTES.

Members reviewed the minutes, and it was

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| RESOLVED | That the minutes for the Planning & Development meeting held on Wednesday 24 th January 2024, be approved, and signed as a correct record. |
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P2402.4 CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

P2402.5 WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL NORTH PLANNING MEETING.

Councillor Dabbs advised members he attended the West Northamptonshire Council North Planning Committee (WNCNPC) meeting on Wednesday 7th February 2024 and submitted the Town Council's objections to planning application 2023/6454/MAF in relation to the proposed access/egress and lack of parking spaces for the number of retirement living apartments being built in this location.

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Cllr Dabbs advised members that following his disappointment at not being permitted to speak at the previous WNCNPC meeting and the Town Council's subsequent complaint the process for speaking had changed and he was greeted by an officer who asked if he was speaking, checked his records to confirm a request had been made and confirmed he was on the list to speak. A much improved process which enabled any anomalies to be sorted by officers rather than Town or Parish representatives or residents attending to speak having to go through the embarrassment of being told they can't speak by the Chair.

Cllr Dabbs further advised that although WNC councillors were on the WNCNPC, they did not speak in relation to this application and voted in favour rather than supporting the Town Council's and its community's valid comments in relation to the proposed development.

Members thanked Cllr Dabbs and considered the appointment of a representative at the next WNCNPC meeting, should the need to speak on an application be necessary.

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| RESOLVED | That Cllr Ted Nicholl be appointed to attend the West Northamptonshire Council North Planning Committee meeting on Wednesday 6 th March 2024. |
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P2402.6 WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Members referred to the Agenda and details of planning applications to be considered at the West Northamptonshire Strategic Planning Committee on 20th February and concurred no representation from Daventry Town Council was required.

P2402.7 STREET NAMES – RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, LONDON, DAVENTRY.

Members referred to the request to consider street names proposed by the developer for the recently approved development of 52 dwellings located off London Road, Daventry and to be known as Danehill. They concurred with the developer's rationale to relate the name of the development to the history of Borough Hill but could not identify the link between Borough Hill and the proposed names of Scrivener, Pargeter, Arkwright Bowyer, Frobisher and Milliner. Members highlighted that there was already a Frobisher Close in Daventry, and to link in with the Danehill, it was

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| RESOLVED | That the Town Council submit the name Magnus Way, to link in with the Developer's Viking connection. |
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P2402.8 WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL DRAFT DAVENTRY CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN.

The CO advised members that the consultation on the Draft Daventry Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan was designed very much for an individual to respond to and a corporate response needed to be more of a summary of the draft plan, as per the report and it was

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| RESOLVED | <p>That the Town Council submit the following statement:</p> <p>With the limited funds available, Daventry Town Council supports short-term delivery plan to prioritise on specific routes and apply the cycle route type design recommendations, particularly focussing on Daventry Town Centre, decluttering footways, and improving the pedestrianised areas which have sadly degenerated over years of poor tarmac repairs and neglect.</p> <p>Daventry Town Council welcomes longer term investment, using CIL and S106 funding together with working in partnership with developers to identify and construct new cycle routes that connect the Town to the national rail network and residential areas within the Town Centre.</p> |
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| | As beneficial as it would be to improve inter-urban cycle routes to neighbouring parishes, this is ideological and raises expectations of residents when the reality is the lack of funding will never be able to facilitate this identified need. |
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P2402.9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS, PLANNING DECISIONS AND PLANNING APPEALS.

Consideration was given to the schedule of planning applications received on which the Council had been invited to comment; on planning applications withdrawn; on planning permissions granted and applications refused since the last meeting of the Committee.

| Application Number | Location | Approved Comments |
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| 2023/7585/FULL | 1 Birkdale Close Daventry NN11 4QA | No objection in principle. |
| 2024/0058/LBC | Daventry Town Centre Daventry NN11 | Objection: The use of acrylic material and fixing the plaques with nails does not exude quality and sustainability on a heritage building in a conservation area. If acrylic is the preferred option, the Town Council suggests the signs are placed in windows to prevent damage to the brickwork and negate the need for planning permission. |
| 2024/0341/FULL | Unit 2 Sulby Close Daventry NN11 8DE | No objection in principle. |
| 2023/7710/FULL | 7 The Slade Daventry NN11 4HH | No objection in principle. Members would like to highlight the lack of time neighbours were given before the deadline to submit comments. |
| 2024/0462/FULL | Trinity Haven, 23 Drayton Park, Daventry, NN11 8TB | Objection, the raised ground level will make the fence over 1.8m high which could also cause a safety issue to pedestrians using the pathway adjacent to the fence. |
| 2024/0518/FULL | Doepke Uk Ltd, Bentley Way, Daventry, NN11 8QH | No objection in principle. |
| 2024/0735/FULL | Beech Tree House Sopwith Way Daventry NN11 8PB | Objection as the proposed access will be on a corner which may cause an obstruction to other vehicles requiring access/egress on this highway. |
| 2024/0707/FULL | 37 High Street Daventry NN11 4BG | Objection, as this is overdevelopment of a building that has previously been a retail premises. The access to residential flats is via a retail outlet and there is |

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| | | a lack of natural light in each of the proposed flats. There is no outside amenity for drying clothes or storing waste and recycle bins. There is also no provision for parking or storage of cycles. |
| 2024/0653/FULL | 34 Danetre Drive Daventry NN11 4GY | Over development of site and not in keeping with street scene. |
| 2024/0742/FULL | 60 Tennyson Road Daventry NN11 9DH | Over development of site and not in keeping with street scene. |
| 2024/0598/FULL | Land off Farnborough Drive Daventry | Members noted the lack of consultation in relation to the new scheme, which was originally a retirement village and would welcome dialogue with the developers to facilitate constructive comment. |
| Notification Of Tree Work | The Rectory Golding Close Daventry NN11 4FB | Support works that protect and improve the health of the tree. |
| 2024/0793/ADV | Nationwide 24-26 High St Daventry NN11 4HU | Objection. Not in-keeping with the historic nature of the street and within the conservation area. |

P2402.10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday 6th March 2024.

The meeting closed at 19:45 hrs.

Signed *L.J. Jones*

Date ... *06/03/2024*