Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Services Committee** held on **28 August 2003** when there were present:-

Cllr S P Smith (Chairman) Cllr A J Humphries (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr C I Black Cllr Mrs R Brown Cllr Mrs L A Butcher Cllr P A Capon Cllr Mrs T J Capon Cllr R G S Choppen Cllr T G Cutmore Cllr K A Gibbs Cllr J E Grey Cllr Mrs S A Harper Cllr K H Hudson Cllr C A Hungate Cllr Mrs L Hungate Cllr T Livings Cllr C J Lumley Cllr Mrs J R Lumley Cllr J R F Mason Cllr G A Mockford Cllr C R Morgan Cllr J M Pullen Cllr P K Savill Cllr C G Seagers Cllr D G Stansby Cllr Mrs M S Vince Cllr Mrs M J Webster Cllr D A Weir

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from ClIrs R A Amner, Mrs H L A Glynn, T E Goodwin, Mrs M D McCarthy, R A Oatham, Mrs M A Starke, M G B Starke, P F A Webster and Mrs B J Wilkins.

OFFICERS PRESENT

J Whitlock	- Planning Manager
L Palmer	- Team Leader, Area Team South
C Nicholson	- Trainee Solicitor
S Worthington	- Committee Administrator

377 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2003 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

378 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J E Grey declared a prejudicial interest in Schedule Item 3 by virtue of being one of the objectors to that application and left the Chamber during discussion of the item.

379 BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL AT "PAPA JOHNS", HIGH STREET, RAYLEIGH, ESSEX

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services on the use of the above site for the sale of food outside permitted opening hours in breach of Condition 2 of approved application 99/00769/COU granted at appeal on 7 June 2000.

Resolved

That the Head of Planning Services be authorised to take all necessary action, including the issue of Notices and action in the Courts, to secure the remedying of the breach now reported. (HPS)

380 BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL AT THE KEBAB HUT, HIGH STREET, RAYLEIGH

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services on the use of the above site for opening hours outside those stipulated in Condition 2 attached to planning permission reference F/0029/98/ROC.

Resolved

That the Head of Planning Services be authorised to take all necessary action, including the issue of Notices and action in the Courts, to secure the remedying of the breach now reported. (HPS)

381 SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the Schedule of Planning Applications.

Item R1 – 03/00473/FUL – 14 The Approach, Rayleigh

Proposal – Erect two storey building containing 4 X 1-bed flats (demolish bungalow).

Mindful of Officers' recommendation for approval, Members considered nevertheless that the application should be refused on grounds of the building's visual bulk and height constituting a cramped over-development of the site.

Resolved

That the application be refused for the following reasons:-

The proposed building, by reason of its visual bulk and height, would constitute a cramped over-development of the site, out of character and scale with the existing development and detrimental to the visual amenities of the area. (HPS)

Item 2 – 03/00537/GD – Bullwood Hall Prison, Bullwood Hall Lane, Hockley

Proposal – Erection of three fire escapes.

Resolved

That no objections be raised to this application. (HPS)

Item 3 – 03/00109/FUL – Rayleigh Garage, 113-115 High Road, Rayleigh

Proposal – Install above ground LPG storage tank within walled and fenced area.

Mindful of Officers' recommendation for approval, Members considered nevertheless that the application should be refused on grounds of being an incongruous proposal in the street scene and in close proximity to surrounding residential properties to the detriment of the residential amenity of the area.

Resolved

That the application be refused for the following reasons:-

That the proposed LPG storage tank installation and wall/fenced compound would be an incongruous proposal in the street scene and in close proximity to surrounding residential properties to the detriment of the residential amenity of the area, particularly its visual amenities. (HPS)

Members also felt that there would be merit in further consideration being given to the safety issue of siting LPG storage tanks above ground, with a view to petitioning the relevant Minister.

Resolved

That the safety issue of siting LPG storage tanks above ground, with a view to petitioning the relevant Minister, be considered by the Environmental Services Committee. (CD(F&ES))

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chairman

Date