Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Services Committee** held on **31 May 2001** when there were present:

Cllr R E Vingoe – Chairman

Cllr R Adams Cllr R S Allen Cllr T G Cutmore Cllr Mrs J E Ford Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn Cllr J E Grey Cllr Mrs J Hall Cllr D R Helson Cllr Mrs J Helson Cllr A Hosking Cllr Mrs L Hungate Cllr V H Leach Cllr T Livings Cllr J R F Mason Cllr G A Mockford Cllr C R Morgan Cllr M G B Starke Cllr Mrs M J Webster Cllr P F A Webster Cllr D A Weir

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from ClIrs Mrs R Brown, P A Capon, D M Ford, Mrs J M Giles, C C Langlands, Mrs S J Lemon, P J Morgan, R A Pearson, Mrs L I V Phillips and Mrs M A Weir.

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Scrutton	-	Head of Planning Services
A Bugeja	-	Head of Legal Services
J Whitlock	-	Planning Manager
K Steptoe	-	Team Leader (Planning)
A Wyatt	-	Committee Administrator

197 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs H L A Glynn declared a non pecuniary interest in Schedule item 2 (Minute 202) by virtue of her son-in-law working at the school.

198 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2001 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

199 BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL AT HANOVER GOLF CLUB, HULLBRIDGE ROAD, RAYLEIGH

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services regarding a breach of planning control namely the stationing of two steel storage containers and one portable building in the Metropolitan Green Belt, in breach of Condition 2 of application reference CU/0389/90/ROC.

Resolved

That the Corporate Director (Law, Planning and Administration) be authorised to take all necessary action including the issue of notices and action in the Courts to secure the remedying of the breach of planning control. (HPS)

200 BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL ON LAND TO THE NORTH OF LYNWOOD NURSERIES, ARTERIAL ROAD, EASTWOOD

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services regarding the unauthorised change of use and the dumping of waste materials at land north of Lynwood Nurseries off Arterial Road (A127), Eastwood, without the benefit of planning permission.

Resolved

That the Corporate Director (Law, Planning and Administration) be authorised to take all necessary action including the issue of notices and action in the Courts to secure the remedying of the breach of planning control. (HPS)

201 BREACH OF PLANNING CONTROL ON LAND AT VANDERBILT AVENUE, RAYLEIGH

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services regarding the unauthorised change of use of land from open land to open storage and the erection of structures in the Metropolitan Green Belt and landscape improvement area as defined in the adopted Rochford District Local Plan without the benefit of planning permission.

Resolved

That the Corporate Director (Law, Planning and Administration) be authorised to take all necessary action including the issue of notices and action in the Courts to secure the remedying of the breach of planning control. (HPS)

202 SCHEDULE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee considered the current schedule of planning applications.

Para 1 - 01/00217/FUL – 24 Main Road, Hawkwell, Essex

Proposal – Erect 4 bed detached house with detached double garage (demolish existing bungalow)

Mindful of Officers recommendations for approval Members considered nevertheless that this application should be refused on the grounds of out of scale and character with the surrounding area, and also the dominant position of the garage within the Green Belt.

Resolved

That the application be refused for the following reason:

The proposed two storey house development by virtue of its size, scale and relationship with adjoining dwellings, being an end plot on the boundary of this rural settlement area, which comprises mainly bungalows, would create an incongruous property, over dominant and out of character with the existing street scene, to the detriment of the amenity of the locality. Furthermore the detached garage in the prominent forward position proposed would further detract from the character and appearance of the area.

Para 2 – 01/00306/CC - Holt Farm Infant School, Ashingdon Road, Rochford.

Proposal: Single Storey Extension and Remove Relocatable Classroom

Resolved

That Essex County Council be advised **no objection** is raised to this proposal subject to the conditions in the schedule.

Para 3 – 01/00248/CM – Dollymans Farm, Doublegate Lane, Rawreth:

Proposal – Proposed Borrow Pit in connection with A130 Bypass and Restoration to Agricultural Use

Resolved

That Essex County Council be informed that this Council ask them in determining this matter to ensure no additional flood risk is created particularly having regard to the recent flooding where the Chichester Hall and North Benfleet brooks meet. Also that the land is reinstated in an appropriate way to animal grazing land measures shall be put in place to protect the World War I Monuments existing hedges and undertake appropriate archaeological survey works.

Para 4 – 01/00272/FUL – 2 & 4 and Land to the South East Southend Road and Main Road, Hockley.

Proposal: Demolish two existing Houses and Outbuildings, Erect four 5-bed and one 4-bed Detached Houses with three Detached and two Integral Garages, New Private Road and Junction (resubmission following 00/00571/FUL)

Resolved

That the application be approved subject to the heads of condition outlined in the Schedule.

Para 5 – 01/00345/COU – Units 7 – 12 Eldon Way, Hockley.

Proposal: Change of Use from Light Industrial (Classes B1/B2) to Storage and Distribution (Class B8)

Noting this application was before Members under fast track procedures Members wished the following points to be taken into account when considering the application.

- Hours of operation
- Delivery times
- No retail sales
- Police consultation re security
- Consultation with Fire Authority
- Smell/odour concerns
- Concern over highways comments

It was further considered that a meeting should be arranged with Essex County Council Highways to discuss the situation further the meeting to include the Chairman of the Planning Services Committee, the Ward Councillors and the Hockley Parish Council.

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Para 6 – 99/00002/FUL – Land Adjacent to 62 Park Gardens, Hawkwell.

Proposal: Erect Pair of 4 Bed Houses linked by Semi-Integral Garage (revised submission following F/0454/98/ROC.

Resolved

That the application be refused for the reasons set out in the Schedule.

Para 7 – 01/00307/CC – Coombewood Workshop, 1 Websters Way, Rayleigh.

Proposal: Continue to use Building for Business (including office use) Introduce Non-Residential training/ counselling use, Replace existing external shutters

Resolved

That Essex County Council be advised that no objection be raised to the proposal subject to hours of operation outlined in the Planning Services Addendum sheet.

Para 8 – 00/00610/FUL – Former British Legion Hall, East Street, Rochford, Essex.

Proposal: Erect Three 2-bed Terraced Dwellings, Layout access and car parking areas

Add condition restricting vehicular access from other than the driveway in East Street and preventing pedestrian and vehicular access at all from Weir Pond Road.

Resolved

That the application be approved subject to the heads of condition in the Schedule and the additional condition above.

Para 9 – 01/00259/FUL – Burtons Farm, Barling Road, Barling Magna.

Proposal: Change of Use of existing Farm Building to Dwelling (involving alterations to structure) with Integral Garage. Resubmission following Refusal 00/00729/FUL

Resolved

That the application be approved subject to the heads of conditions outlined in the Schedule.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman

Date