

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Environmental Protection Committee held at the
Bourges/Viersen Room - Town Hall
on 3 March 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Todd, Cllr Hiller, Cllr Ash, Cllr C Day, Cllr Thacker, Cllr Walsh, Cllr Sharp, Cllr Kreling and Cllr Burton

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Dale Barker, Principal Planning Officer
Ruth Lea, Planning Lawyer
Martin Whelan, Senior Governance Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cereste and Cllr Lane.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Burton declared that he knew the residents of Sycamore farm (agenda item 5) but that this would not affect his decision.

Cllr Thacker declared that she knew the Ward Councillors but that this would not affect his decision.

3. Members' Declaration of intention to make representations as Ward Councillor

N/A

4. Development Control and Enforcement Matters

4.1 08/01433/FUL - Retention of Smoking Shelter at the Phoenix, Townsend Road, Wittering

The committee received a retrospective application for a smoking shelter for consideration. The shelter is of timber construction, with a slightly pitched roof and open areas along the upper part of the sides forming "windows". These are glazed with Perspex which can be removed in hot weather. The timber roof is attached to the main building but there is an unroofed area between building and shelter.

The applicant responded to questions from members of the committee.

Resolved: (8 for, 0 against, 1 did not vote) to authorise the Head of Planning Services to grant planning permission.

Reason for decision

The proposal is acceptable having been assessed in the light of all material considerations, including weighting against relevant policies of the development plan and specifically:

- The shelter is unobtrusive and has no detrimental impact on the amenity of the area or the amenities of occupiers of nearby dwellings. The proposal is therefore in accordance with Saved Policy DA2 of the Peterborough Local Plan 2005 (First Replacement).

5. 06/01051/FUL & 07/01411/FUL Erection of Wind Turbines at Wrydecroft and Nutsgrove Farms, Thorney, Peterborough*

The committee received a report in relation to two items considered by the committee on 21st October 2008. The report sought authority from members to offer no evidence in relation to reason two for refusal (cumulative effect on the landscape).

The committee considered the advice offered by officers, and resolved with reluctance to offer no evidence in relation to reason 2 by a majority of 8 to 1.

CHAIRMAN
1.30 - 1.59 pm