

2491 ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS The Clerk announced a Planning Conference with the South Cambs. District Planning Officer, Mr. E.J. Wilson, to discuss procedure for parish consultation over applications for development and planning in general.

This has been arranged for SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1974 at 2.30 p.m. in the BOYS GRAMMAR SCHOOL, QUEEN EDITH'S WAY, CAMBRIDGE.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed ..... *R. Kiddle* ..... *Acting* Chairman ..... *1st Oct 1974* ..... Date.

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL'S PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1974, at 51, OLD SCHOOL LANE, MILTON, at 8.p.m.

Present: Mr. R. T. Summerfield (in the Chair); Mrs. B. C. Waterson & the Clerk with apology from Mr. H. W. H. Easy..

2492 THE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE (2363) Members of this sub-Committee shared concern that their decisions on 3 recent applications had not been entirely satisfactory to the full Council later, these were:

- /1 - S/0668/74 - Cave, for Gypsy Site, Chesterton Fen, when, although Council (2483) agreed with the sub-Committee to support the proposal, the reply was modified.
- /2 - S/0547/74 - Pearson & Wilson, Gravel extraction, Milton Fen - when, at (2484) request of non-members of the sub-Committee, an informal meeting of Council members was later held.
- /3 - S/0464/74 - Kirk, generator store, Winship Est., when a non-member of the (2482) Committee closely affected by the proposal was unable to put his views before the decision was taken by the sub-Committee for return within the deadline.

After discussion agreed that the following recommendations be put forward for the Council to discuss:

- (a) It was recalled that the new Planning Authority recommended the formation of Parish Council Planning Sub-Committees. The present sub-Committee contend that delegated powers are implicit in its formation i.e. to comply with the 18-day deadline allowed to Parish Councils to consider applications - where the period falls between Council meetings..

However, they also feel it is important they assume only the minimum of delegated powers (such as necessitated by the tight consultation schedule).

- (b) The sub-Committee agreed that the complaint of lack of equal opportunity for members to comment is a very valid one and suggest this can be overcome by allowing Council members who wish, to attend meetings of the Planning sub-Committee. They would have no voting powers.

This arrangement is the accepted practice in District Council Committees.

- (c) Necessary to the foregoing a Notice of Planning sub-Committee Meetings to be sent to all Council members for information, itemising applications received to date of distribution of the Notice. It must be noted that by their existing arrangements the sub-Committee agreed to meet on certain Wednesday evenings in order to be able to consider applications received by the Clerk that day - the routine Tuesday despatch by the Planning Office. In this case such applications will not be included on the Notice of Meeting but may be decided at the evening's meeting.

The sub-Committee invite the Council's comments for decision on the foregoing.

2493 'DECLARATION OF INTEREST' Legal advice taken by the Clerk in connection with application S/0547/74 (Gravel extraction, Milton Fen)  
(2492/2)

The Clerk reported he had taken legal advice to ascertain the importance of this ruling (under the L.G. Act 1933, s.76. ss 1-10) in view of a co-applicant of the above application being a member of this Council.

Mr. Martindale (Sec. of the Local Councils Assocn.) advised that liability to declare was the members who had the interest, and not the Clerk's, or another member's, and failure to do so was a prosecutable offence.

He drew attention to the recent intervention of the Director of Public Prosecutions who 'warned' members of Sutton Parish Council of the gravity of the offence their Council had committed under circumstances which, in his (Mr. Martindale's) opinion, were less serious than would be the offence committed if a specific planning application were discussed in the presence of the member who was the applicant. He thought the above application was in this category.

The sub-Committee commended the Clerk's action and wished now to bring their concern to the notice of the Council.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

##### DECISIONS RECEIVED.

2494 C/73/1696/F - Boulton & Paul - granted use for storage "and supply to recognised members of the building trade only and no whole-sale or retail sales .. to any member of the general public whatsoever" (Superceded Decision Notice of 28 March, 1974 - C. & I. of E. CC)

2495 S/0325/74 - P.H. Merry, Pryor Close - ext. to entrance hall and dining rm. (2435) - granted

2496 S/0464/74 - Kirk, Winship Est. Generator store - granted (2482)

##### APPLICATIONS FOR COMMENT.

2497 S/0734/74 C. Middleton - Layout of roads and sewers for industrial est. (or warehousing). On 'white land'; subject of previous outline app. C/72/951, 6 September 1972: 2 local manufacturers now express definite interest in the site.

The Clerk explained that the 1972 app. was refused on drainage grounds but the AWA have now invited re-submission under their 'pre-July 1973' Milton embargo relaxation, recently announced. The Planning Office also point out that a 'white land' precedent nearby has been created by the granting of permission to two developers (Middleton; & Sidgett) on Miss Doggett's OSP 220.

The Clerk felt this application may be of concern to Mr. Nurse, 77, Cambridge rd. and accordingly gave him view of the proposal and plans before this meeting, receiving no adverse comments. The sub-Committee approved the Clerk's action (in view of their feelings reported in MIN: 2492 (b) and of his being closely affected on a previous occasion - see, MIN: 2492/3).

The Clerk was instructed to point out that as they understood the relaxation of the embargo by the AWA applied to such applicants who had been refused 'solely on drainage grounds' (in 1972) - that re-submission now would appear inconsistent as it appeared there was an additional reason for refusal in 1972, namely, that the proposal was on 'white land'.

He was also to ask that if permission was granted it was important that the large protective hedge which formed a very efficient boundary to the developers land on the east, should be retained at all costs - as a permanent and appropriate boundary to the proposed Country Park to the east.

Also to point out the Council understood the gravel pit adjoining this proposed development on the north side and owned by Messrs Middleton, was to be donated, when filled-in to the County Council by Messrs Middleton, and to seek confirmation of this.

2498 S/0737/74 Cambridge Litho (Plate) Ltd. Winship Est. - 2-storey ext. to

existing premises. No objections.

2499 S/0780/74 M.C.Mansfield Pt.OSP 279 Camside Farm, Chesterton Fen, MILTON  
- Agric. bungalow. Object on same grounds as prev. app. i.e.  
that app. appears to farm insufficient land to justify, and is in Green Belt.  
The Council understand that a large part of applicant's holding - both in  
Chesterton Fen area and Kings Hedges area will likely be taken by the proposed  
Northern By-pass (the line of which is now fixed) and permission could result  
in a bungalow isolated from any appreciable amount of land.

2500 'PLANNING Mr.Humphries, speaking as District representative asked  
'OPEN HOUSE' to give a brief report on procedures the District Planning  
Committee were trying out in those villages for which  
local plans were to be prepared.

The Planning Office had held an exhibition with 'Open House' at Histon/Imp-  
ington and Sawston and reported success. Local interest had been aroused  
and it appeared an excellent means of sounding local opinion before drafting  
the village plans. Mr.Humphries said he merely put this forward as a suggestion  
in which the Council and sub-Committee might be interested, recalling that,  
in fact, the Planning Officers were due to meet the Council on October 1.  
The sub-Committee agreed to recommend this to the Council for discussion.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2501 SHIRLEY LODGE The Clerk reported he understood that development was not  
ESTATE (2440) yet to be resumed on the Moss estate although members  
considered it would now be eligible for re-submission  
under the 'pre-July, 1973' relaxation of embargo, and was instructed to inquire  
why this was so.

The Chairman was concerned at the accumulation of rubbish on this semi-der-  
elict estate and asked the Clerk to contact the Environmental Health Officer.

2502 DATE OF NEXT This was provisionally arranged for WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER.  
MEETING

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed ..... *R. Humphries* ..... Chairman *28/10/74* .....