

PLANNING COMMITTEE

At a meeting of this Committee held on
11 August 2009

- (Present) **Councillor Crowther (Chairman)**
Councillors Dunn, Ferry, Hennessy, Maloney,
Martinez-Williams, McCauley, McGuire, Parr, Pearl,
Roberts and Roughley
- (Not Present) **Councillors Ayres, Bowden and Knowles**
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28 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ayres and Bowden.

29 **MINUTES**

- * **Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 14 July 2009, be approved and signed subject to the following amendment to Minute 18, deletion of ‘and Pearl’.**

30 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**

Item	Title	Member(s)	Interest
4	P/2009/0370 Land opposite Bethel Mission Hall, Pigot Street, St Helens	Councillors Crowther, Hennessy, Maloney and McCauley	Declared a personal interest in the item.

31 **PLANNING APPLICATION FOR DECISION BY THE COMMITTEE**

- * **Resolved that the planning application be dealt with as shown below:**

P/2009/0370 Land opposite Bethel Mission Hall, Pigot Street, St. Helens
To provide playground facilities to the Pigot Street open space at the rear of the Golden Lion public house.

A resident objecting to the application appeared before the Committee to present their case, after which the Applicant’s representative presented their case on behalf of the Applicant.

Grant permission, subject to the following conditions:

1. time limit;
2. standard landscaping condition;
3. a management plan (including appropriate information and signage) detailing the ongoing management of the play area shall be submitted to and agreed in writing, before first use, by the LPA. The scheme shall then be implemented in accordance with that plan;
4. there shall be no illumination of the play area unless by submission of a planning application to the LPA;

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5. the development shall be carried out in accordance with the amended plans received on 1 July 2009;
6. full details and specification of the proposed play equipment shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the LPA before first use. The said equipment shall then be installed in accordance with the appropriate specification; and
7. the play area shall be locked outside the times of 9am to 9pm April to September and 9am to 4pm October to March.

32 CURRENT PLANNING APPEALS

A report was submitted which informed Members of the current position with regard to the planning appeals that were pending or had recently been concluded.

- * **Resolved that the report be noted.**

33 PLANNING APPLICATIONS DETERMINED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS 03/07/2009 TO 29/07/2009

A report was submitted which informed Members of planning applications determined under delegated powers for the period of 3 July 2009 to 29 July 2009.

- * **Resolved that the report be noted.**

34 CURRENT ENFORCEMENT CASES

A report was submitted which informed Members of the current position with regard to current enforcement cases.

- * **Resolved that the report be noted.**

35 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

PR04/2000/00002 Yew Tree Farm, Bell Lane, Sutton Manor.

A report was submitted updating Members on enforcement action in relation to Yew Tree Farm, Bell Lane, Sutton Manor.

The unauthorised storage of scrap vehicles on green belt land at Yew Tree Farm had first been reported in August 1998. An enforcement notice had been served in June 2000 and the owners of the land had consequentially contravened the enforcement notice and had been convicted on 27 March 2001, 11 September 2001 and 7 August 2002.

On 5 May 2009 the land owner had been issued a final warning to comply with the enforcement notice and had since contravened the notice. Members were informed that the Councils Principal Solicitor (Planning and Property) had been instructed to instigate injunctive steps to resolve the outstanding breach.

- * **Resolved that:**
 - (1) **the report be noted; and**

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- (2) the Council's Principal Solicitor (Planning and Property) was asked to update Members of the Committee by email on the timescales involved in the proposed injunctive proceedings and advise whether a Compulsory Purchase Order is appropriate

The following items had not been notified five clear days in advance of the meeting. However, the Chairman had agreed to the matters being considered as items of urgent business in order to enable the matters to be progressed.

36 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

- * Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item for the reason stated:

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
37-38	Exempt information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings (Para 5 of schedule 12A) of the Local Government Act 1972.

37 LAND SITUATED AT LYME AND WOOD PITS RECLAMATION SITE, VISTA ROAD, NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS – PLANNING ENFORCEMENT/COUNSEL'S ADVICE

A report was submitted which updated Members on the ongoing investigation options against a breach in planning control which had occurred at the Lyme and Wood Pits Landfill Site.

- * Resolved that:
- (1) the report be noted; and
 - (2) a further report on this matter be brought back to the next meeting of this Committee.

38 VERBAL UPDATE: BOLD HEATH QUARRY

The Development Control Manager gave a verbal update on progress in relation to Bold Heath Quarry. Members were informed that a consultant had now been commissioned to represent the Council at the Public Inquiry.

- * Resolved that the verbal update be noted.

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