NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING CONTROL COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, GERNON ROAD, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY, SG6 3JF ON THURSDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 2025 AT 7.30 PM

MINUTES

Present: *Councillors: Elizabeth Dennis (Chair), Nigel Mason (Vice-Chair), Emma Fernandes, Bryony May, Louise Peace, Tom Tyson and Martin Prescott.*

In Attendance: *Amy Cantrill (Trainee Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer), Shaun Greaves (Development and Conservation Manager), Susan Le Dain (Committee, Member and Scrutiny Officer), Alina Preda (Trainee Solicitor) and Sonia Sharp (Locum Senior Planning Solicitor).*

Also Present: *For the duration of the meeting no members of the public were present.*

102 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Audio recording – 2 minute 10 seconds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sadie Billing, Ruth Brown, Ian Mantle, Caroline McDonnell and Amy Allen.

103 MINUTES - 21 NOVEMBER, 3 DECEMBER 2024

Audio Recording – 2 minutes 34 seconds

Councillor Nigel Mason, as Vice-Chair, proposed and Councillor Tom Tyson seconded and, following a vote, it was:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 21 November 2024 and 3 December 2024 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

104 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

Audio recording – 3 minutes 37 seconds

There was no other business notified.

105 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Audio recording – 3 minutes 39 seconds

(1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be recorded.

(2) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

(3) The Chair advised that Section 4.8.23(a) of the Constitution applied to the meeting.

(4) The Chair confirmed that Agenda Item 6 23/02838/FP, Agenda Item 7 24/00708/LBC and Agenda Item 8 24/00754/FP had been withdrawn.

106 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Audio recording – 4 minutes 13 seconds

There was no public participation at this meeting.

107 23/02838/FP WRIGHTS FARM, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON, HITCHIN, HERTS, SG5 3QJ

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

108 24/00708/LBC WRIGHTS FARM, SHILLINGTON ROAD, PIRTON, HITCHIN, HERTS, SG5 3QJ

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

109 24/00754/FP SLIP END FARM, ROYSTON ROAD, SLIP END, BALDOCK, HERTS, SG7 6SG

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

110 24/02036/FP GARAGE FLAT, CHIMNEYS, MILL LANE, GOSMORE, HERTS, SG4 7RL

Audio recording – 5 minutes 30 seconds

It was announced that the Councillor who called this application in had withdrawn the call-in request.

The advice given by the Development and Conservation Manager was under normal circumstances, without a call-in, the responsibility of determination of the application 24/02036/FP would be under the remit of the Development and Conservation Manager. As the call-in has been withdrawn this normal procedure should be resumed.

Councillor Martin Prescott proposed to delegate the determination of this matter to the Development and Conservation Manager, and this was seconded by Councillor Louise Peace and, following a vote, it was:

RESOLVED: That determination of the application 24/02036/FP was delegated to the Development and Conservation Manager.

REASON FOR DECISION: The normal course of action would be for delegation of this item, and due to Councillor Caroline McDonnell no longer wishing to call-in the application, normal practice should be resumed.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Chair