

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2011
at The Chapel, South End- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Hallett, Mr Robinson, Mr Clarke, Mr Sappol, Mr Saggars, Mrs Pidgeon
 District Cllr McCraith, District Cllr Cathcart
 Members of Public: 2

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Nicholls, Mr Webb, Mr Pidgeon, Mr Dickerson, Mrs Vigus, County Cllr Mrs Oliver

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 7th December 2010 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION – Mr Hallett reported that he had met with Mr Sexton, Planning Officer, and Mr Clayton, Peppers Farms, the site owner. Discussion took place on the operations on the site and Mr Sexton confirmed that he was satisfied that approved planning consent was being adhered to. Peppers Farms had been asked to submit a green travel plan to the District Council which they had done. One item arising from that was the offer of a permissive footpath over Peppers Farm land towards the A1198 Kneesworth. Mr Clayton had agreed to send some details to the Parish Council.

Mr Cathcart stated that the green travel plan was one of the factors which lead to planning consent being given for the site. He urged the Parish Council to pursue with the District Council and push for a footpath. Mr Hallett added that the usage of the site had changed since permission was granted with more heavy vehicles. It was therefore more important that a footpath be installed to avoid walking on the busy road. Mr Hallett agreed to follow up with Peppers Farms if details were not forthcoming.

WINDMILL CLOSE –The path was in the process of being installed.

THE CAUSEWAY DEVELOPMENT-Mr Cathcart reported that planning consent had now been finalised as there were no new planning objections raised which had not previously been considered by the planning committee. The Clerk advised that Mr Sexton had also written to the Parish Council confirming this and acknowledging concerns raised in the last correspondence sent.

05.OPEN FORUM

There were no comments raised.

06.PLANNING APPLICATION

Mrs S Pracha -61 High Street –Installation of metal flue (S/2055/10)

*-No
objection*

Mr J Mannion –Tanus, 1 Old North Road, Whaddon –Change of use of former stables/livery and yard to scaffolding storage and distribution (B8) retrospective (S/2176/10)

*-No
objection*

Due consideration should be given to any comments by County Council Highways

SCDC RESULTS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr I Littlefair (S/1750/10)	262 The Causeway	Extension	Permission Granted
Mr & Mrs Capewell (S/2029/10)	17 Clarkes Way	Conservatory	Permission Granted
Mr M Parker (S/1834/10)	62 South End	Internal Alterations	Permission Granted
Mr & Mrs Rees (S/1652/10)	Bourne Hse, South End	Single storey extension	Permission Granted
NRD Contracting Ltd (S/0457/10)	155 The Causeway	9 New Dwellings	Permission Granted

07. SCDC REQUEST FOR STREET NAME –CAUSEWAY DEVELOPMENT

It was agreed that the names 'Howes Close' and 'Butterfield Way' be forwarded for consideration. The names both had a connection with the site. *-Clerk*

08. OTHER

MINSTRAL COURT –Mrs Mead-Blandford expressed concern over an unpleasant smell from the ditch by the building. As this was not within Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth parish, and therefore not within the remit of this parish council, it was suggested that Mrs Mead-Blandford either report to Environmental Health as an individual or contact Whaddon Parish Council.

THE CEDARS –Mr Cathcart advised that the application was probably going to the planning committee in February with recommendation for approval. Mr Sexton had advised that revised plans had been received from the developer which had addressed a lot of the concerns.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 25th January 2011
at The Chapel, South End- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Hallett, Mr Robinson, Mr Clarke, Mr Geraghty, Mr Goater, Mr Webb,
 Mr Pidgeon
 District Cllr McCraith
 Members of Public: 4

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Nicholls, Mrs Vigus, Mr Sagers, Mr Sappol, County Cllr Mrs Oliver, District Cllr Cathcart

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS PATH –Mr Hallett advised that he had sent an acknowledgement, of the recent meeting, to EW Pepper and would now send another confirming that the Parish Council were interested in the details of the path to Kneesworth.

THE CEDARS –Mr Cathcart had now advised that the planning process was not moving fast enough for the application to be considered at the February planning meeting. Mr McCraith stated that he was on the planning committee and would keep a look out for when it was to be heard.

05.OPEN FORUM

The meeting was closed between 7.35pm and 7.45pm for public discussion

GYPSEY AND TRAVELLERS –An update on the recent village meeting attended by Kneeworth residents was requested. Mr Hallett advised that this issue had been delegated to the Finance and General Purposes committee. He then reported that 72 people had attended that meeting with nine parishioners volunteering to form a committee. Mr Hallett was aware that the committee were in touch by e-mail. There was a feeling that until the District Council came forward with proposals there was not a lot that they could do. It was agreed that the committee needed someone able to direct the process.

06.PLANNING APPLICATION

There were no planning applications for consideration

07. OTHER

PLANNING APPLICATION 5 HIGH STREET –Concerns were expressed over the building work currently taking place. It was thought this did not relate to the planning permission granted. The Chairman and Clerk to investigate. It was advised that a conservatory being erected on a property in Brook Road was not the same as agreed in the planning consent.

PARISH FORUM –Mr Hallett reported that he had attended the meeting at the District Council offices. Under the localism bill it was planned that the highest level of strategy for planning would be at district level. The Parish Council should therefore have more power with their recommendations. An increase in planning fees, which were currently set by the Government, would take place. At the present time the fees did not cover the all the costs. In future they would be set by the District Council with the aim of recovering all costs. Mr Hallett asked if the fees would include the parish costs. He was advised that this had not yet been thought about, so they may do once finalised. Fees for retrospective applications would be higher. Mr Hallett then advised that a planning IT Forum had been set up with 13 parishes involved. Mr Hallett had asked to be included when the group was set up and so complained that he was not invited to their first meeting. The Chief Executive, Jean Hunter, had apologised so Mr Hallett hoped that Bassingbourn would have more involvement in future.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February 2011
at The Chapel, South End- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Hallett, Mr Clarke, Mr Goater, Mr Webb, Mr Pidgeon, Mrs Pidgeon, Mr Saggars, Mr Sappol
County Cllr Mrs Oliver, District Cllr McCraith, District Cllr Cathcart
Members of Public: 1

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Vigus, Mr Robinson

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –Mr Hallett to follow up with E W Pepper.

THE CEDARS –Mr Cathcart stated that the applicant had been asked to submit further drawings which the planners had not yet received. He felt that there were enough concerns to refuse approval for the existing proposals without these.

PLANNING APPLICATION 5 HIGH STREET –The Chairman confirmed that the building works taking place at the site were as agreed in the planning consent.

REQUEST FOR STREET NAME SUGGESTIONS –An acknowledgement had been received from the District Council.

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ISSUE –Mr Hallett advised that Jack White, the ex Parish Council Chairman, was part of the action group. He had asked the District Council the current position and received a holding letter.

05.OPEN FORUM

There were no points raised.

06.PLANNING APPLICATION

There were no planning applications for consideration

07. OTHER

SOLAR FARM APPLICATIONS –Mr Cathcart advised that the District Council were receiving a lot of applications for solar farms. The current Government initiative was due to expire in 2012. Croydon were holding a public meeting on the 7th February 2011 relating to a proposal for 35-40 acres at Valley Farm, Croydon. He suggested Councillors attend.

HIGH STREET PARKING –Mr Sappol advised that a resident of the High Street had written to Gareth Jones, Head of District Council planning, to express concerns over parking at the pharmacy. There had been a recent problem where the emergency services were unable to reach the property behind the pharmacy due to parking outside.

A discussion then took place on the proposed coffee shop in the property by Playles Yard. The same resident had asked about the planning consent for this and was told that it would be investigated. Mr Cathcart advised that he had also asked the planners the position. He was told that the property had existing A2 use, and permitted development rights, which left the property open to a broad usage.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

**Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2011
at The Chapel, South End- 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Hallett, Mr Clarke, Mr Goater, Mr Webb, Mr Pidgeon, Mr Saggars, Mr Nicholls, Mr Robinson
County Cllr Mrs Oliver, District Cllr McCraith, District Cllr Cathcart
Members of Public: 1

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Vigus, Mrs Pidgeon, Mr Sappol

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –Mr Hallett confirmed that he had urged the plan. The landowner was currently on holiday.

THE CEDARS –The Chairman advised that he had heard that the company who owned the site had gone into receivership and the bank were now the owners. Mr Cathcart confirmed that he had made the District Council planners aware. He added that the legal department were not sure what to do. Mr Sexton had given the owners a last chance to submit revised plans before the application for housing was refused.

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ISSUE –There were no further developments.

05.OPEN FORUM

There were no points raised.

06.PLANNING APPLICATION

Mrs M Whitt -65 North End –Single Storey side extension
(S/0162/11)

*-No
objection*

Mr D A Warne –Old John of Gaunt, 183 North End –Annexe to separate dwelling
(S/0140/11)

*-No
objection*

Mr M Barrett -84 Spring Lane –Single Storey rear extension
(S/0062/11)

*-No
objection*

SOUTH CAMBS PLANNING DECISIONS

Mr Howard	Clear Farm Barns	Alterations & extension	Permission Refused
(S/1481/10)			

Mr R Sinfield	28 Guise Lane	Double Garage and oil tank relocation	Permission Granted
(S/1822/10)			

07. OTHER

ON SET –Mr Hallett advised that he had received an e –mail expressing concern over the lack of screening which had been part of the planning approval for the site. The Chairman stated that he had met with the site owner and there was tree screening in place. They were small trees and some had died so would take a while to become established. There was also an electricity pylon which had to be left clear. The site owner had told the Chairman than before the building was erected, two samples of building material had been submitted to the planners for their view but there had been no response. The building was therefore erected in the same colour as those already there. It was agreed that the chairman would reply to the parishioner and copy to the planners to highlight their vagueness in the planning condition regarding tree size. *-Mr Bunton*

EXTRA MEETING –The Clerk advised that an application had been received for comment before the next scheduled meeting. It was agreed that a planning meeting be held on the 15th March 2011. Clerk to arrange.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

**Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5th April 2011
at The Chapel, South End- 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Hallett, Mr Clarke, Mr Goater, Mr Saggars, Mr Nicholls, Mr Robinson, Mrs Mead-Blandford, Mr Pidgeon
District Cllr Cathcart
County Cllr Mrs Oliver
Members of Public: 7

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Pidgeon, Mr Sappol, District Cllr McCraith

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations declared.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd March were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –There was no further update.

THE CEDARS –Mr Cathcart advised that the plans were still under consideration by Mr Sexton, the planning officer.

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ISSUE –There were no further developments. Mr Hallett stated that this item also appeared on the Finance and General Purposes committee agenda. He suggested that, as it was related to planning, discussions be limited to this committee which was agreed. Mr Hallett then advised that following an item in the Village Voice he had received seven responses from residents with their views on the proposed site. The Clerk advised that she had also received a letter and would pass on to Mr Hallett.

05. OPEN FORUM

The meeting was closed between 7.40 pm and 8.10pm for public discussion.

37 HIGH STREET –Mr Nickson, made a representation against the proposal expressing concern over the sensitivity in this part of the High Street. The alterations would affect vehicle parking movements and pedestrian safety. He felt that this would increase the exposure for pedestrians gathered near or passing the vicinity of the SPAR shop. He reiterated comments made at the last meeting that fresh vehicular access across the pavement at this position could only serve to exacerbate the confusion for all in the unsatisfactory traffic and parking situation in the High Street. Mr Cathcart asked for these comments to be sent to the District Council. He stated that the documentation suggested that highways had no objection to the application. Mrs Oliver asked for these comments to also be forwarded to highways.

Mr Cathcart then advised that the revision was in response to the District Council and Conservation officer concerns. He agreed to speak to the Planning Director to see if anything further could be done.

Mr Robinson expressed concern over officer's delegated powers when the village were unanimous in their objection. It was stated that the more objections the District Council received the more likely it was that the application could be referred to committee.

Mr Catherall also made further representations which were circulated to Councillors. He then produced a photograph believed to be from the early 1900's showing a building on the site of the garage. He stated that information on the High Street was available to the District Council if they investigated.

06. PLANNING APPLICATION

Mr D Izzard -6 Saggars Close –Single storey rear extension (S/0443/11)

*-No
objection*

Dr D Fuller -10 Shedbury Lane –Erection of detached garage building to south side of dwelling (revised design) (S/0489/11)

*-No
objection*

AMENDED APPLICATION

D Chapman -37 High Street –Part demolition of existing garage and replacement double garage, new access, entrance gates and wall (S/1708/11). The District Council had not forwarded the correct amended application with the consultation considered at the last meeting.

The Chairman stated that the revised drawing was very similar to the last one. This garage on this drawing incorporated a store and was closer to the SPAR shop. The photograph provided by Mr Catherall, which showed that there was a building on the existing garage site in the early 1900's, was discussed. A letter from a High Street resident, Mrs Lord, was read to the meeting. The letter raised concerns over the effect on the High Street should the application be approved.

*-Objection**-Clerk*

It was then agreed that an objection be made to the revision. *The Clerk was asked to reiterate the previous response, include a copy of the High Street photograph and make reference to the historical street scene. It should be pointed out that the statement made about the structure being there since 1984 was incorrect. Copies of representations made by residents would also be supported in the response.*

Mrs Oliver advised that Highways were working on DFO guidelines. She confirmed that she would invite the relevant officer to meet with Councillors and parishioners on site to look at the proposal. Mr Cathcart was asked to submit a written letter of support for the resident's comments to the District Council.

*-Mrs Oliver
& Mr
Cathcart***07. OTHER**

There were no other points raised.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

**Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 13th April 2011
at The Chapel Room, South End- 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Hallett, Mr Robinson, Mr Clarke, Mr Nicholls, Mr Geraghty, Mr Goater

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 13

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Webb, Mr Sappol, District Cllr Cathcart, District Cllr McCraith

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no interests declared.

3. OPEN FORUM

The meeting was closed between 7.32pm and 7.45pm for public discussion.

THE CEDARS -Residents felt that there were only very slight revisions in the new plan which still did not take into account that the proposed development was within a conservation area. There were still two storey dwellings which would overlook neighbouring properties. There was still also concern over the lack of parking spaces. Residents felt that the original reasons for rejection of the application still applied.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Amended Application Braxted Homes(Bassingbourn Ltd) The Cedars and Orchard , South End – Reduction to a total of 15 dwellings, redesign of layout and house types (S/1927/09/F)

This was not a suitable development for within the conservation area and concerns over the impact of extra traffic on the High Street. -Refused

Mr Hallett advised that there was a protected amenity policy and the following reason should be stated on the response :-

The Willmott Recreation Ground is shown on the South Cambridgeshire District Council Local Development Framework Map 2008 as a Protected Village Amenity Area. The proposed development at the Cedars is immediately opposite the Willmott Recreation Ground and the development would have an adverse impact on the character and tranquility of the village. The proposed development appears therefore to be contrary to South Cambridgeshire District Council's Policy CH/6 : Development will not be permitted within or adjacent to Protected Village Amenity Areas if it would have an adverse impact on the character, amenity, tranquility or function of the village.

Mr A Bates -2 Nightingale Avenue –Detached Garage (S/0004/11)

-No
objection

4. OTHER

HIGH STREET TRAFFIC –Mr Clarke expressed his concerns over the suggestion of installing bollards on the High Street pavements, opposite the SPAR shop, to prevent parking. Mr Hallett confirmed that to install any restrictions the County Council would want to see that the village had been consulted and this was happening at the present time through the Villag Voice and the website.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2011
at The Chapel, South End- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Hallett, Mr Clarke, Mr Robinson, Mrs Vigus, Mrs Pidgeon, Mr Sappol
 District Cllr Cathcart, District Cllr McCraith
 County Cllr Mrs Oliver
 Members of Public: 3

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Webb, Mr Pidgeon, Mr Sagers

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations declared.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 13th April 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –There was no further update.

THE CEDARS –An extra parish planning meeting had been held, on the 13th April 2011, to consider revised plans with a resulting objection to the proposals. Mr Clarke expressed concern over the way the meeting was concluded without a formal vote. The Chairman reminded members that views had been sought with councilors in attendance supporting objection. Mr Robinson confirmed this but added that the vote could have been recorded. The Chairman added that Councillors should make sure their views were known during the meetings when the applications were discussed.

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ISSUE –Mr Hallett advised that the current draft guidance was out for consultation until the 6th July 2011. He asked whether the Parish Council wanted to respond and offered to read the long document if so. The document seemed more general than the previous guidance with changes not as significant as first thought. There was still a requirement to find new pitches. Mr Cathcart added that it appeared the distances from amenities would be up to the local authorities to decide. There were also certain elements needing attention such as exception sites could be considered. Mrs Oliver urged the Parish Council to make a response. After further discussion Mr Hallett agreed to forward the link to Councillors for further discussion.

-Mr Hallett

Mr Hallett then advised that the District Council had invited residents from Kneesworth to a meeting to talk about the site assessment, on the 6th May 2011.

37 HIGH STREET –A meeting had been held with John Finney, County Highways, to discuss the application. Mr Hallett advised that the opinion of Mr Finney was that he could see no reason not to approve the application. He was however made aware of the historical impact and would reply to the District Council accordingly. Mrs Oliver confirmed that she had a copy of this response which supported the Parish Council view on the historical impact.

05.OPEN FORUM

There were no points raised.

06.PLANNING APPLICATION

Mr I McFadyen -3 Poplar Farm Close –Listed Building consent for 16 photovoltaic solar panels on the south facing roof (S/0688/11) *-No objection*

Mr D Wilson -74 Spring Lane –single storey rear extension (S/0655/11) *-No objection*

Mrs Molly Whitt -65 North End –Erection of dwelling (application to extend the time limit for implementation for extant planning permission) (S/1604/08/F) *-No objection*

RESULTS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr M Paley (S/0064/11)	92 North End	Two storey extension & alterations	Permission Granted
Mr & Mrs Edwards	74 Brook Road	Replacement front porch	Permission Granted

(S/0137/11)
Mrs M Whitt 65 North End Single storey side extension Permission Granted
(S/0162/11)

07. OTHER

HIGH STREET COFFEE SHOP –Mr Clarke questioned whether the coffee shop was legal. Mr Sappol advised that the shop was not allowed to sell hot food, which they were not. The Chairman added that the owner had advised that the District Council asked for the seating outside to be removed. He added that in his opinion he felt the coffee shop was good for the village and there had been a lot of compliments. The concern was the future of the shop but as the Parish Council had not been consulted on this, by the District Council, they could not comment. The situation would be monitored.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

**Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 17th May 2011
at The Chapel, South End- 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Hallett, Mr Clarke, Mr Robinson, Mrs Vigus, Mrs Pidgeon, Mr Sappol, Mr Pidgeon, Mr Nicholls, Mr Saggars, Mrs Mead-Blandford, Mr Webb
District Cllr McCraith, County Cllr Mrs Oliver
Members of Public: 7

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Geraghty, District Cllr Cathcart

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations declared.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 27th April 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –There was no further update.

THE CEDARS –Mr Cathcart had advised Mr Hallett that if the application went to the planning committee it would be in July 2011.

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ISSUE –Mr Hallett advised that there had been a meeting between the District Council officer Keith Miles and local residents. Mr Miles would be addressing the Finance and General Purposes committee at the next meeting on the 7th June 2011.

37 HIGH STREET –Mr McCraith reported that he had heard that officers were minded to refuse the application due to the presence of historical fabric.

05.OPEN FORUM

The meeting was closed between 7.35pm and 7.40pm for public participation.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS –Mr Nickson, the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, had obtained speed notices to place in key places. He asked whether the Parish Council would support this. He was asked to e-mail the sign to Mr Hallett, the Parish Council Chairman, for comment. Mr Nickson then advised that he had some sticker sign to put on refuse bins. This approach had been taken in Arrington and Wimpole. It was agreed that any measures to reduce speed in the village was welcome.

06.PLANNING APPLICATION

Mr D Harris -6 Walnut Tree Close –application to remove condition 3 of planning consent *-No objection*
S/2000/93/F

A discussion took place on the condition which was not to allow the garage to be turned into living accommodation. It was stated that if a new application was submitted now, this would be allowed. A vote was taken with 7 councillors voting that they had no objection to the removal of the condition, and four councilors voting to object to the removal.

07. OTHER

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT (SHLAA) –Details of an invitation to register interest in becoming a member of the partnership had been received and circulated. SHLAA would provide important evidence that would help to inform a review of three of the District Councils key Local Development Framework which would be combined into a single new plan, the South Cambridgeshire Development Plan, which will set out policies and proposals for the district for the period to 2031. Mr Hallett suggested that the Parish Council should register an interest as it would affect the shape of the village. Councillors agreed that the Clerk reply. *-Clerk*

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

**Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING MEETING**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2011
at The Chapel, South End- 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Hallett, Mr Clarke, Mr Robinson, Mrs Pidgeon, Mr Sappol, Mr Pidgeon, Mr Webb
District Cllr McCraith, District Cllr Cathcart
Members of Public: 1

01. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Hallett, the Parish Council Chairman, opened the meeting and asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr Robinson proposed Mr Bunton which was seconded by Mr Hallett. There were no other nominations. Mr Bunton accepted the position.

02. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Saggars, Mr Nicholls, Mr Goater, Mrs Mead-Blandford, County Cllr Mrs Oliver.

03. GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ISSUES PRESENTATION –KEITH MILES (SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL)

The Chairman invited Mr Miles to speak. He advised that his role was to plan for all communities in South Cambridgeshire. The gypsy and traveler population were the biggest ethnic minority, the largest by size and percentage in England. Members were reminded of the history of the Spring Lane site which had previously been suggested. The site had been rejected following a public consultation and as part of that consultation the new site on the A1198 had been identified. Mr Miles confirmed that the site had been identified by the landowner and other individuals. The District Council were now investigating whether it would be suitable. Confirmation from the landowner that he would be happy with five pitches was needed and following this the process could go to the next stage. Other sites were still being looked into and a further consultation would follow in the Autumn. The plan should be completed in approximately 2 ½ years time and by 2014 there should be some sites coming forward. A discussion then took place on enforcement and the delay in eviction on some unlawful sites in the District. Mr Miles advised that the Government were planning changes to their Gypsy and Traveller policy which would make it easier for enforcement action to be taken straight away. Mr Bunton advised that the landowner of the A1198 site had tried a number of times to develop the land without success. He queried why now it was considered a suitable site. Mr Miles reiterated that the District Council were testing the site and at the moment looked as if it would be a suitable site. He added that extending the Whaddon site was another option. Mr Miles was then asked about the abandoned Mettle Hill site. It was suggested that this could be cleared up. Mr Miles replied that the current criteria stated that the site must be close to settlements with a good range of services. Meldreth was not that well served. Mr Webb suggested that as they were a mobile community they should be able to get to the facilities. Mr Sappol expressed concern over any additional residents in the village adding that this would also add to congestion problem, on the High Street, as would the additional Gamlingay students should the decision be made to transfer them to the Village College. Mr Cathcart asked whether information from the Traveller Need Assessment had been received from the County Council. Mr Miles advised that the District and County were arguing over the methodology. He added that when the last assessment was carried out in 2006 it showed the need for 150 pitches and the advice was that the District Council should plan to accommodate that need. Mr Robinson then referred to some statistics, supplied by the District Council, which showed a decline in the number of pitches needed over the recent years.

Mr Hallett concluded the discussion by confirming that the Parish Council would represent the views of the village in a consultation. These views were still being collected. He added that whatever the outcome, the Parish Council would benefit by working with Mr Miles.

The Chairman thanked Mr Miles for attending.

04. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations declared.

05. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 17th May 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

06. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –There was no further update.

THE CEDARS –Mr Cathcart advised that there had been a meeting held at the District Council offices with residents. He believed the application would be referred to the July planning meeting and urged a member of the Parish Council to attend to support the argument. Mr McCraith added that he could not predict the way the members would go and they did take into account the weight of any opposition. Mr Webb advised that there was an active group of parishioners which he would be representing. He also urged another member of the Parish Council to attend.

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE STRATEGIC HOUSING LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT –As agreed at the last meeting the Clerk had expressed the interest of the Parish Council in being involved. The Council had been advised that CPALC would be representing Parish Council's interests.

07.OPEN FORUM

There were no items raised.

08.PLANNING APPLICATION

Mr & Mrs Hildrow -46 Walnut Tree Close –Extensions and alterations (S/1001/11)	<i>-No objection</i>
Mrs S Sclare -41 Elbourn Way –Conversion of garage space into habitable room (no external changes) (S/0920/11)	<i>-No objection</i>

RESULTS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr D Harris 6 Walnut Tree Close (S/0663/11)	Removal of condition	Permission Granted
Mr I McFadyen 2 Poplar Farm Close (S/0688/11)	Solar panels on roof	Permission Refused
Mr & Mrs Pearce 30 Elbourn Way (S/0392/11)	Extensions	Permission Refused
Mr D Wilson 74 Spring Lane (S/0655/11)	Single storey rear extension	Permission Granted

08. OTHER

COFFEE SHOP ENFORCEMENT –Mr Hallett asked the District Councillors if there had been any further developments. They advised that they were aware of the initial visit but did not think any follow up had yet happened. Mr Cathcart added that officers might be speaking to the owners. District Cllrs to find out the position.
-Mr Cathcart & Mr McCraith

SPRING LANE DEVELOPMENT UNITS –Mr Pidgeon expressed concern over the size of a wall built on the site. Mr Bunton advised that more units were to be erected and the wall was built to enable one to be finished off. There were plans for four units in total. Mr Clarke added that planning permission had been granted a while ago.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 5th July 2011
at The Chapel Room, South End- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Hallett, Mr Clarke, Mr Robinson, Mrs Pidgeon, Mr Sappol, Mr Pidgeon, Mr Webb, Mr Sagers, Mr Goater, Mrs Mead-Blandford, Mr Geraghty
 District Cllr Cathcart, County Cllr Mrs Oliver
 Members of Public: 3

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Vigus, District Cllr McCraith

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 7th June 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –There was no further update. Mr Hallett agreed to urge.

GYPSEY & TRAVELLER ISSUES –Mr Hallett advised that he had circulated a draft response to the national consultation. Councilors agreed that this be submitted with no additions.

THE CEDARS –Mr Cathcart advised that the planning officer had agreed to wait until the September planning meeting to discuss the application.

COFFEE SHOP ENFORCEMENT –Mr Cathcart reported that the owners of the shop had submitted a proposal to the District Council to deal with food/drinks. There was something wrong with the plans and they had been returned. There would be a further application submitted in the next few weeks.

**-Mr
Hallett**

05. OPEN FORUM

Fen Bridge Farm, 27 Fen Road –The owner of the site advised that he was planning to submit a planning application in the near future and wanted to make Councillors aware. He left a copy of the plans with the Chairman.

06. PLANNING APPLICATION

Mrs R McCraith -104 North End –Change of use from agricultural land to garden land (C3) and creation of tennis court including erection of surround fence (S/1142/11)

-Approved provided the area for change of use was just the tennis court area and not the whole area edged in blue on plan.

Mr C Norris -2 Turnpike Cottages, Old North Road –single storey side extension (S/1247/11)

**-No
objection**

Mr M Smith –Mill House, Brook Road –Replacement Garage, Workshop & Store (S/1088/11)

For information –too late to comment.

Mrs E M Harney -29 Cambridge Crescent –Retrospective erection of fencing in the rear garden (S/1065/11) –For information –too late to comment.

RESULTS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr A Bates	2 Nightingale Avenue	Detached Garage	Permission
Granted			
(S/0004/11)			

Mrs S Sclare	41 Elbourn Way	Conversion of garage to room	Permission
Granted			
(S/0920/11)			

07. OTHER

SUPPORT FOR PLANNING PROPOSAL –An e-mail had been received from Ron Bailey, Leiston-cum-Sizewell Town Council, asking for the support of the Parish Council for new planning guidance for major developers. This would urge them, as a matter of planning procedure, to attend meetings and answer questions and provide resources to enable the Parish Council to assess the application, based on professional critique. The proposed guidance would enable and empower Parish Council's to do this if chosen to. Both points would help when making recommendations on large planning applications. *-Clerk*

Councillors agreed that this was a positive step forward and agreed to support the proposal. Clerk to advise Mr Bailey.

PLANNING APPLICATION -66 NORTH END –The Clerk advised that a planning application for the change of use from agricultural land to residential garden land had been received for consideration before the next meeting on the 26th July 2011. The Clerk was asked to see if the District Council would extend the deadline. If not an extra planning meeting would need to be held. *-Clerk*

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 26th July 2011
at The Chapel Room, South End- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Hallett, Mr Clarke, Mr Robinson, Mrs Mead-Blandford, Mr Nicholls, Ms Cooper
 District Cllr Cathcart
 Members of Public: 7

Ms Cooper was co-opted at the Parish Council meeting preceding this meeting. The Parish Council meeting was then closed and recommenced following the planning meeting.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Vigus, Mr Webb, Mr Sappol, Mr Saggars, Mr Goater, Mr Geraghty, County Cllr Mrs Oliver

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 5th July 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –Mr Hallett confirmed that this was in hand.

THE CEDARS –Should be considered at the District Council September planning meeting.

COFFEE SHOP, HIGH STREET –No further update.

GYPSY & TRAVELLER ISSUES –Mr Hallett reported that he had submitted the Parish Council response to the national consultation and this had been acknowledged. The meeting was then opened to the public for discussion.

05. OPEN FORUM

Representatives from the Kneesworth Action Group were in attendance. Councillors were advised that their website was up and running. They then gave an update on their campaign against the proposed gypsy and traveler site on the A1198. As the site would be privately owned, there would be no further input by the District Council if approved, it would be left to be managed independently. There were also concerns over a possible extension to the site as only 30% was being considered at this time. The Action Group had been told that gypsy and traveler children took priority over children from the barracks in getting a place at Bassingbourn Primary School.

Mr Cathcart advised that there would be a local consultation, probably in September, and urged the group to prepare a response. The consultation time was likely to be short. He added that the planning application stage was a long way away. The group asked to be kept updated on Parish Council meetings and were advised that agendas and minutes were on the village website. The Clerk also agreed to forward a copy of the agenda to Mr Spenceley. The working group concluded their discussion by asking the Parish Council to consider allocating funding towards their campaign to help with legal costs. This would be an agenda item for the next Finance and General Purposes committee meeting.

-Clerk

06. PLANNING APPLICATION

Mrs S Sharp -66 North End –Change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden land (S/1211/11)

-No objection

-Provided the land remained as garden land

Mr & Mrs Pearce -30 Elbourn Way –Part two storey & single storey extension (S/1332/11)

-No objection

Mr N Howard –Clear Farm, South End –Single storey extension and creation of doorway in place of existing window opening (S/1245/11)

-No objection

Mr C Dunkley -8 Fortune Way -Erection of oil tank enclosure to north side of property and conservatory to the rear (S/1262/11)

-No objection

Mrs R Parrott -2 Church Close –Tree Work

Mrs Mead- Blandford raised concerns over the proposal to remove a mature Sycamore tree. A discussion took place on whether the tree had a TPO. A vote was then taken on whether there would be any objections regarding the removal. Three agreed with three against. The Chairman used his casting vote, and as the application stated that the tree would be replaced with another tree, agreed the removal. Clerk to advise the District Council.

-Clerk

Rear of 91 High Street –Tree Work

This would be referred to the next Planning Meeting to be held on the 2nd August 2011.

RESULTS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr M Smith -Mill House, Brook Road –Replacement garage, workshop and store (S/1088/11)

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Permission
Granted*

07. OTHER

APPEAL -SITE 2 POPLAR FARM CLOSE (S/0687/11 & S/0688/11/LB) The Clerk advised that the appeal against the District Council planning refusal had been lodged. Further representations to be with the Planning Inspectorate by 15 August 2011.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August 2011
at The Chapel Room, South End- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Hallett (Chairman), Mr Clarke, Mr Robinson, Mrs Mead-Blandford, Mr Nicholls, Mrs Cooper, Mr Goater, Mr Sappol, Mrs Pidgeon
 District Cllr Cathcart, District Cllr McCraith
 Members of Public: 4

In the absence of Mr Bunton, Mr Hallett chaired the meeting.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Vigus, Mr Webb, Mr Bunton, Mr Sagggers, County Cllr Mrs Oliver

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 26th July 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –Mr Hallett confirmed that this was in hand.

THE CEDARS –There was no further update.

COFFEE SHOP, HIGH STREET –No further update. Councillors agreed that there appeared to be a need in the High Street for the shop and with present use was an asset to the village.

GYPSY & TRAVELLER ISSUES –There was no further update.

05. OPEN FORUM

The meeting was closed for five minutes for public discussion.

GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ISSUES –Councillors were advised that the Kneesworth Action Group were preparing an article for the next edition of the Village Voice regarding a public meeting which was to be held in the Village College on the 22nd September 2011. Parish and District Councillors were asked for their support.

06. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr G Howard -12 TheTanyard –Erection of single storey front and rear extensions (S/1409/11) - *Objection*

-Concern over the proposed building being extended beyond existing line of adjacent properties. Also concern over the loss of light for neighbours.

Mr I Mcfadyen -2 Poplar Farm Close –Installation of 20 solar thermal hot water system (S/1304/11) -*No objection*

Mr J Heaps -64 Spring Lane –Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings. Replacement two storey house and new driveway (S/1446/11) -*No objection*

Rear of 91 High Street –Tree Work

Mrs Mead-Blandford reiterated her comments about the importance of trees and concerns over the excessive removal of these trees. The following comment was agreed-

-The Parish Council would like to see as many of the trees as possible retained.

RESULTS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No further results had been received.

07. OTHER

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2011
at The Chapel Room, South End- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Clarke, Mrs Mead-Blandford, Mrs Cooper, Mr Goater, Mr Webb, Mr Hallet, Mrs Vigus
 District Cllr Cathcart, District Cllr McCraith, County Cllr Mrs Oliver
 Members of Public: 9

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Sappol, Mrs Pidgeon, Mr Robinson

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mrs Vigus, Mr Bunton and Mr Webb declared a personal interest under Item 06 Amended Planning Application for The Cedars & Orchard.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –Mr Hallett confirmed that he would urge.

THE CEDARS –The amended planning application was on the agenda.

COFFEE SHOP, HIGH STREET –No further update.

GYPSY & TRAVELLER ISSUES –It had been advised that the landowner had now withdrawn his offer of land on the A1198.

05. OPEN FORUM

There were no points raised. Parishioners were invited to contribute their comments during the discussions on planning applications.

06. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr & Mrs Paxman –Fen Bridge Farm, 27 Fen Road –Erection of dwelling & garage to replace existing (S/1562/11)

*-No
Objection*

Dr L Jones -11Clarkes Way –Retrospective fencing (S/1199/11)

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Concerns over highway safety and the fence is out of character with adjoining properties.

Objection

AMENDED APPLICATION

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The Cedars & Orchard, South End –Reduction to total of 14 dwellings, revised layout for the north section of the site, revised types for plots no's 6 and 11/12. Introduction of 2m high rendered wall on boundary with nos 37 and 39 Brook Road (S/1927/09)

Objection

The application does not comply with the local development framework.

The development is not suitable for a conservation area.

The appeal decision stated that the development must preserve and enhance the conservation area.

Ms Hodge -1 South End –Tree Work

-No

objection

Mr S Layton –The Vicarage, North End –Tree Work

The Clerk advised that this application was for information only as the tree work had already taken place.

RESULTS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr G Howard-12 The Tanyard -Single Storey extension (S/1409/11)	Permission Granted
Mrs S Sharp -66 North End -Change of use to garden land (S/1211/11)	Permission Refused
Mr C Norris -2 Turnpike Cottages -Single Storey extension (S/1247/11)	Permission Granted
Mr N Howard - Clear Farm, 35 South End - Single Storey extension (S/1251/11)	Permission Refused
Mr D Warne- 183 North End - Annexe to separate dwelling (S/0140/11)	Permission Granted
Mr C Dunkley - 8 Fortune Way - Oil tank & conservatory (S/1262/11)	Permission Granted
Mr&Mrs Hildrow 46 Walnut Tree Close -Extensions & Alterations (S/1001/11)	Permission Granted

07. OTHER

104 NORTH END (S/1142/11) Change of use from agricultural land to garden land –The District Council had advised that the application would be considered at the planning committee meeting on the 7th September 2011.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 20th September 2011
at The Chapel Room, South End- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Clarke, Mrs Mead-Blandford, Mrs Cooper, Mr Webb, Mr Hallett, Mrs Vigus, Mrs Pidgeon, Mr Pidgeon, Mr Geraghty
 District Cllr Cathcart, District Cllr McCraith
 Members of Public 1

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Sappol, Mr Goater

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –Mr Hallett confirmed that he had sent an e-mail reminding the site owner of the discussion.

THE CEDARS –The Chairman advised that there had been reports of badgers on the site. He had spoken to District Council biodiversity office, Rob Mungovan, but he didn't appear to be overly interested. Mr Cathcart advised that he had also spoken to Mr Mungovan who confirmed that there was some degree of protection for the badgers if it could be proved that there were badger sets living there and not passing through. The Chairman confirmed that they were definitely on site. The District Council October planning meeting was then discussed where this latest application would be considered. Mr. McCraith urged a member of the Parish Council to attend the meeting as this often helped with the decision. Mr. Webb advised that he would be attending as a resident of South End and would be representing the parishioners.

GYPSY & TRAVELLER ISSUES –It was agreed to take this off the agenda for the time being. Once the consultation period had concluded there might be other sites identified.

05. OPEN FORUM

There were no points raised. Parishioners were invited to contribute their comments during the discussions on planning applications.

06. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr. I McFarlane –Bentham Cottage, 78 High Street –Tree Work

Miss D Clarke -12 Knut ford Road –Tree Work

Greene King –The Hoops, 74 High Street –Tree Work

A separate application had been received for The Hoops, submitted by Shire Tree Surgery, for the same trees. Councilors objected to this application as it involved more intrusive work.

*-No
objection
-No
objection
-No
objection*

RESULTS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none announced.

07. OTHER

THE CAUSEWAY DEVELOPMENT –Mr. Sappol had advised that the Metropolitan Housing Ownership had asked for an article to be put in the next Village Voice advising of the new affordable homes. He advised of the website link. The properties were being sold on a shared ownership basis of 50/50.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2011
at The Chapel Room, South End- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Hallett (Chairman), Mr Clarke, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Vigus, Mrs Pidgeon, Mr Pidgeon, Mr Saggars
 District Cllr Cathcart, District Cllr McCraith
 Members of Public 3

In the absence of Mr Bunton the meeting was chaired by Mr Hallett.

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Bunton, Mr Sappol, Mr Goater, Mr Webb, Mrs Mead-Blandford, County Cllr Mrs Oliver

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 20th September 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –The Chairman reported that the landowner had queried whether a path would be desirable as it would mean pedestrians having to cross Chestnut Lane. He would respond. **-Mr Hallett**

THE CEDARS –Mr McCraith advised that the planning application was not on the October planning agenda. The planning officers had confirmed that it would definitely be considered at the November meeting.

05. OPEN FORUM

There were no points raised. Parishioners were invited to contribute their comments during the discussions on planning applications.

06. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr M Smith –Lodge Cottage, 72 Brook Road –Extension
 (S/1857/11)

**-No
objection**

Mr & Mrs Carter -67 North End –Extension
 (S/1840/11)

**-No
objection**

Mr Kingsley -72 South End –Tree Work

**-No
objection**

AMENDED APPLICATION

Mr Chapman -37 HighStreet –Proposed access and garage
 (S/1708/10)

Mr Chapman was invited to discuss his application with Councillors. The Chairman advised that there had been two representations against the application made by neighbouring residents and read the concerns to the meeting. A vote was taken with all Councillors in agreement that Refusal should be recommended.

-Refused

-Concern of the loss of the street scene

RESULTS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Dr L Jones	11 Clarkes Way	Retrospective Fencing	Permission Granted
(S/1199/11)			

Mrs R McCraith	104 North End	Change of use of land	Permission Refused
(S/1142/11)			

Mr I Mcfadyen	2 Poplar Farm Close	Solar thermal hot water system	Permission Granted
(S/1303/11)			

07. OTHER

There were no other points raised.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2011
at The Chapel Room, South End- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Bunton (Chairman), Mr Clarke, Mrs Cooper, Mr Saggars, Mr Webb, Mr Hallett, Mrs Mead-Blandford, Mr Goater, Mr Robinson
 District Cllr Cathcart, District Cllr McCraith
 Members of Public 5

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Sappol, County Cllr Mrs Oliver

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Mr Robinson declared a prejudicial interest under Item 06 Planning application for 46 The Causeway.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –Mr Hallett stated that the owner appeared to be a little reluctant to install a path and confirmed that he had sent another reminder.

THE CEDARS – This had been held off again from the District Council planning agenda. Mr Cathcart advised that Mr Sexton, the Planning Officer, was going to recommend refusal but on very narrow grounds. There were discussions taking place between the developer and planners. Mr Clarke queried why the decision was taking such a long time. Mr McCraith explained the District Councillor influence on the planners and part of this was being able to request that planning applications go to committee.

05. OPEN FORUM

The meeting was closed between 7.40 and 7.55pm for public discussion.

46 THE CAUSEWAY –Concerns were raised by residents over the proposal which would be an overdevelopment of the site. The residents had been affected by the Windmill Close affordable housing and felt that a further development would contribute to an urban ambience. There were also concerns over noise and vehicle pollution.

The Chairman advised the residents to also make their representations to the District Council planners.

06. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr P Robinson –46 The Causeway –Demolition of existing property and erection of seven two bedroom houses (S/1772/11)

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Objection

Mr Robinson stated that part of his reason for the application was financial. He was also aware of the lack of affordable housing for young people in the village. Mr Robinson then left the meeting.

Mr Webb stated that Windmill Close had altered the impact of the village entering from Kneesworth. Mrs Mead-Blandford expressed concern over the drainage on the High Street. As with the other recent Causeway applications concern was also expressed over the infrastructure and the ability of the sewers and additional traffic in the village.

-Recommend Refusal. Overdevelopment of the site plus traffic and drainage concerns.

The Chairman added that it was a shame the location was where it was as there was a need for a development of this kind.

Mr Robinson rejoined the meeting.

Mr R Ford -51 South End –Tree Work

-No
objection

FEN BRIDGE FARM, 27 FEN ROAD (S/1562/11)

The Clerk advised that the application was to be considered by the District Council planning committee on the 2nd November 2011.

07. OTHER

BRIEFING SESSION ON PLANNING –Mr Hallett reported that he had attended the District Council session where it was advised that more planning applications were going to committee due to the difference in Parish Council and officer recommendations. This showed that the Parish Council were having some impact. There was though more clarity on reasons needed from the Parish Council and it also helped if a member of the Parish Council could make representations at the District planning meetings. Section 106 payments were also discussed. The contributions made to parishes were based on surveys carried out in the village and related to the needs identified. Mr Hallett stated that it was important that good answers were provided to any survey.

HIGHFIELD WIND ENERGY –The Parish Council had been notified of an exhibition to introduce a proposal for a wind farm in Litlington. A planning application had not yet been submitted.

COMMUNITY 106 AGREEMENT –Mr Saggars stated that the Parish Council should have maintained closer control of the local affordable housing, Windmill Close, and suggested that a community Section 106 Agreement could be a way for the Parish Council to get some benefit. Mr Saggars asked for this to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

CHANGE OF USE TO GARDEN LAND –Mr Hallett had been advised that the District Council usually refused any application for this purpose.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6th December 2011
at The Chapel Room, South End- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Mr Hallett (Chairman), Mr Clarke, Mr Webb, Mr Hallett, Mr Robinson, Mrs Vigus, Mr Sappol, Mr Geraghty, Mr Goater
 County Cllr Mrs Oliver, District Cllr Cathcart, District Cllr McCraith
 Members of Public 1

In the absence of Mr Bunton, Mr Hallett chaired the meeting,

01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs Cooper, Mr Bunton, Mrs Pidgeon, Mr Pidgeon, Mrs Mead-Blandford, Mr Siggers

02. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None were made.

03. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2011 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04. MATTERS ARISING

WIRELESS STATION PATH –This was with the landowner who was waiting to discuss a path with the County Council Rights of Way officer.

THE CEDARS –The planning application was to be considered by the District Council planning committee on the 7th December 2011. The Chairman advised that he would be unable to attend to support the Parish Council recommendation for refusal. Mr Webb confirmed that he was attending the planning committee meeting on behalf of the residents. The District Councillors expressed their concern over the absence of a Parish Council representative and suggested that Mr Webb could find someone else to make the residents representations. He agreed to see if he could find another resident willing to make the case and if he could would represent the Parish Council. He also volunteered to represent both parties if need be.

*-Mr
Webb*

05. OPEN FORUM

There were no points raised.

06. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

OpenReach -54 High Street –Installation of new green coloured replacement telecom cabinet shell

*-No
objection*

(S/2147/11)

Dr T Storey –The Mill House, 33 Mill Lane –Erection of timber trellis and pergola alongside North East boundary of garden (retrospective)

*-No
objection*

(S/2290/11)

RESULTS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr P Robinson 46 The Causeway Demolition & erection of seven two bedroom homes
 (S/1772/11) Permission Refused

104 NORTH END (S/2204/11)

The Clerk advised that the application was to be considered by the District Council planning committee on the 7th December 2011.

08. OTHER

There were no other matters raised.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman _____

Date _____