

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.40pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Webb, Cllr Sappol, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Geraghty, Cllr Vigus, Cllr Hirtzel, Cllr Pidgeon
 District Cllr Cathcart, District Cllr McCraith, County Cllr Dent
 Members of Public 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Clarke and Cllr Mrs Pidgeon.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 3rd December 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd December 2013 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising raised.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence relating to planning issues had been received.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no issues raised.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/2674/13/FL

7 Cambridge Crescent –Two storey extensions to side of dwelling with loft conversion above extension

(Mr David & Clare Sullivan & Riddle)

-Recommendation Approval

7.2 Tree Work

There were no tree work applications for consideration.

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

7.3.1 S/2242/13/FL

119The Causeway –Proposed garage to side of existing dwelling

(Mr M Simpson)

-Permission Granted

7.3.2 S/2350/13/FL

12 Tower Close –Single storey side extension

(Mr Woodall)

-Permission Granted

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

8.1 Local Development Plan

Cllr Cathcart advised that the latest representations were now on the District Council website. The Portfolio Holder would be looking at the Plan in early February with the Plan going to the full Council for approval in March 2014. The Planning Officers had said that anything other than minor changes could result in delay to the publication of the Plan.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Webb, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Geraghty, Cllr Clarke
 District Cllr Cathcart, District Cllr McCraith
 Members of Public 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Vigus, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Hirtzel, Cllr Sappol, County Cllr Dent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Webb declared a personal interest under Item 7.1.1.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 7th January 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising raised.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence relating to planning issues had been received.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no issues raised.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/2692/13/FL

76 Spring Lane –Single Storey Rear Extension
 (Mr I Sherratt)

-Recommendation Approval

7.1.2 S/2691/13/FL

98 North End –Replacement Garden Room
 (Mr J Hockley)

-Recommendation Approval

7.1.3 S/2331/13/FL

Annex 15 High Street –Change of use of annexe to a separate dwelling
 (Mr P Webb)

-Recommendation Approval

7.1.4 S/2737/13/FL

Fen Bridge Farm, Fen Road –Erection of Agricultural Barn
 (J & T Paxman)

-Recommendation Approval

7.2 Tree Work

There were no tree work applications for consideration.

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

There had been no notifications of planning decisions received since the last meeting.

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

8.1 Local Development Plan

Cllr Cathcart advised that there was to be a pre-release of the Plan for members and the evidence was that there were no major changes. Cllr McCraith added that the District Council

wanted the plan to come into force as soon as possible.

The meeting closed at 7.46 pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Webb, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Vigus, Cllr Hirtzel
 District Cllr Cathcart, District Cllr McCraith
 Members of Public 4

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Sappol, Cllr Geraghty and County Cllr Dent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 21st January 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising raised.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence relating to planning issues had been received.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no issues raised.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/0084/14/FL

Car Park rear of The Pear Tree Public House, North End –Change of use of Council garage site to garden and parking area to serve the Pear Tree Pub only including demolition of 11 garage units

(Mr N Howard)

-Recommendation Approval

7.2 Tree Work

7.2.1 C/11/40/009-62 High Street

(Mr D Cousans)

-No Comment -Let Tree Officer make the decision

7.2.2 C/11/40/009 -14 South End

(Mr J Pemberton)

-The Chairman would look at the trees and report back at the next meeting,

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

7.3.1 S/2674/13/FL

7 Cambridge Crescent –Two storey extension to side of dwelling with loft conversion above extension

-Planning Permission Granted

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

8.1 Local Development Plan

Cllr Cathcart reported that the agenda for the Portfolio holder meeting had been published. District Councillors attended a briefing of the Plan and there were no major changes affecting Bassingbourn. He added that there would be some considerable opposition to some of the elements of the Plan and it was possible that a couple of the smaller pieces of development land would not be passed.

The District Councillors were asked about the Plan and the principles for wind farms. They confirmed that there were principles for renewable energy but also landscaping etc. adding that an Appeal Officer could ignore these as the rules of appeal come from the Government. Cllr Hallett advised that there were plans for another solar farm in Wendy and Councillors were invited to a meeting to discuss the proposals. Cllr Cathcart advised that he was aware that the planning application for the solar farm in Bassingbourn, towards the A505, had been submitted. There were a considerable number of these applications in the system at present.

8.2 Litlington Wind Farm Planning Application

Cllr McCraith advised that the application was on the agenda for the District Council planning meeting the following day with the officer recommendation for refusal. A site meeting had been held for the planning committee and Cllr McCraith reiterated that if the wind turbines were allowed they would have an effect on the landscape for a lot of villages. Cllr Cathcart added that he did not think people realised how dominant they would be as this only became clear as the application progressed.

8.3 District Council Trees

Cllr Webb advised that there were three dead trees on District Council land, by The Limes, and he suggested the District Councillors take a look as if they were to fall it would be onto the sheltered housing.

*-Cllr
Cathcart &
McCraith*

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Webb, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Pidgeon, Cllr Mrs Pidgeon, Cllr Sappol
 District Cllr McCraith
 Members of Public 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Vigus, District Cllr Cathcart, County Cllr Dent

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 4th February 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising raised.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence relating to planning issues had been received.

6. OPEN FORUM

6.1 Planning Application S/0098/14/FL

Representatives for the developers, Stuart Bradshaw and Tom Duke, were invited to address the meeting. They explained the background to the application and the consultations that they had carried out. They confirmed that the panels would be facing south. Cllr Hallett asked about a donation to the community should the planning application proceed. It was confirmed that there would be around £7,200 for five years and the developers would be happy to pay this sum up front. The offer would be put in writing.

A discussion took place on vehicle access to the site and the congestion this could cause on the already busy High Street. Mr Bradshaw advised that the transport plan could be amended so that vehicles would avoid peak times. In addition to the lorry movements there would also be the small contractor vehicles. It was estimated that there would be around 120 lorry movements over the eight weeks of installation.

Cllr Robinson queried the aesthetics of the site concerned over the ruin of the countryside. Mr Bradshaw confirmed that a landscaping program would be put in place. The site owners did try to keep the sites as hidden away as possible. Cllr Robinson then queried the possibility of the panels being a fire hazard. It was confirmed that the panels did get hot when generating electricity but they were different to a domestic solar panel installation. It was stated that across a year the power generated by a site this size would serve £4200 -£4600 homes.

Mr Bradshaw and Mr Duke were thanked for their presentation.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/0098/14/FL

Land to the south of Bury Farm, spring Lane –Change of use of land from (1) agricultural to (2) mixed use for agriculture and the use of the generation of renewable energy (solar)

(Mr S Bradshaw –Push Energy Ltd)

Cllr Sappol expressed concern over the Parish Council being asked to make a decision on behalf of the community, on this major issue, and suggested a referendum. It was noted that there was a limit amount of time that the Parish Council would be able to respond to the application and a referendum would take too long. All Councillors agreed that any mention of a community payment should be ignored as this could be considered a bribe. Cllr McCraith

advised that there was no commitment on the developers to provide a community benefit for projects such as this.

After further discussion the Chairman asked for Councillors to vote.

Cllr Robinson asked for the vote to be recorded. Cllr Webb, Cllr Hallett, Cllr Mrs Pidgeon, Cllr Pidgeon, Cllr Clarke and Cllr Freeman voted to recommend approval while Cllr Robinson, Cllr Mead-Blandford and Cllr Cooper voted to recommend refusal.

-Recommendation -Approval

7.2 Tree Work

7.2.1 C/11/40/009 -14 South End

(Mr J Pemberton)

The Chairman had looked at the trees and even though they looked healthy they were nothing special. It was agreed that there were no comments to make. Clerk to advise the District Council.

-Clerk

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

The Clerk confirmed that no decisions had been received since the last meeting.

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

8.1 Proposed Solar Farm at Wendy

Cllr Webb advised that he attended a presentation in Wendy on the proposal which was a lot larger than that proposed in Bassingbourn. Personally he did not think that the solar farm would have an affect on residents of Bassingbourn. Cllr Hallett added that it may have an impact on public footpaths but not those accessible to Bassingbourn due to the restricted area in the Barracks.

Cllr McCraith stated that the District Council were receiving more and more applications for solar farms such as this.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 18th March 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Webb, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Pidgeon, Cllr Vigus
 County Cllr Dent, District Cllr McCraith, District Cllr Cathcart
 Members of Public 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Freeman and Cllr Sappol

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 4th March 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th March 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Planning Application S/0098/14/FL

Communication had been received from Push Energy Ltd about their offer of a financial contribution should the application go ahead. This had been circulated to Councillors.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No further correspondence relating to planning issues had been received.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for approval

7.2 Tree Work

7.2.1 C/11/40/009 -33 South End

(Mrs H Rees)

There were no comments made. Clerk to advise the District Council Tree Officer who had recently joined South Cambridgeshire District Council. **-Clerk**

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

7.3.1 S/0084/14/FL

Car Park rear of The Pear Tree Public House –Change of use of council garage site to garden and parking area to serve the Pear Tree Public House including demolition of 11 garage units (Mr N Howard)

-Planning Permission Granted

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

8.1 Local Development Plan

Cllr McCraith reported that a special meeting had been held at the District Council offices, on the 13th March 2014, where the Plan was debated. It was decided to support the Plan which had now been sent to the Planning Inspector hopefully for agreement. Cllr Cathcart added that this was probably one of the most important decisions the District Council had taken in years. The voting majority was by six Councillors. Both District Councillors agreed that the Plan was safeguarding Bassingbourn against development. As discussed at previous meetings the village status had been changed to a 'Minor Rural Centre'. They confirmed that the Plan still had to be approved by the Inspector.

8.2 Planning Application S/0098/14/FL

Cllr Cathcart reported that he had received some representations from the village about the screening of the proposed development. Cllr Mead-Blandford advised that in Wendy it was proposed to erect a 12 ft fence around the proposed solar farm and she felt that this had reduced the value of properties there. Cllr Cathcart then suggested that the Parish Council submit a further representation to the planners, following the approval of the 4th March 2014, but as this was not an agenda item it was agreed that responses requesting screening should be made individually.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Webb, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Freeman,
 Cllr Sappol, Cllr Hirtzel
 District Cllr McCraith, District Cllr Cathcart
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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Geraghty and County Cllr Dent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 18th March 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 18th March 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Village Voice (Solar Farm Article)

Correspondence had been received from a resident concerned that the planning application for a solar farm, discussed at the recent Planning meeting, had not been given enough exposure. The timing of the public exhibition, last summer, and communication to the Parish Council made through the village website asking about the solar farm recommendation was unanswered. The resident stated that he felt that the Parish Council and other elected representatives had let down the community by not being pro-active.

Cllr Hallett stated that the responsibility for publicity was with the developer and the village was leafleted at the time of the exhibition. Details of the planning application were on the District Council website and notification that the application was to be discussed on the Parish Council Planning meeting agenda which was displayed on the notice boards and on the village website. There had also been other occasions where solar farms had been discussed at Parish Council planning meetings. Cllr Hallett added that the Parish Council was tied by the District Council timescales when considering planning applications and there was only a short time to respond. The Clerk confirmed that as far as she was aware nothing was received through the village website asking for information on the decision.

Cllr Cathcart then stated that he felt the application should be determined by committee but as the Parish Council had not raised any objection, and there was not very much interest from the village, it would probably not. He would therefore ask for the application to go to committee for them to decide the outcome rather than officers.

Cllr Robinson added that he thought there might be some feedback and said at the time that the village should have been asked their views.

It was agreed that as the communication was sent to Cllr Hallett he would respond.

*-Cllr
Hallett*

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No further correspondence relating to planning issues had been received.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no planning issues raised.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/0598/14/FL

Fen Bridge Farm, Fen Road –Erection of a single barn
 (Mr D & Dr Paxman)

-Recommendation Approval

7.1.2 S/0531/14/FL

Frog Hall, 173 Bridge Street, Whaddon –Demolition of late 20th century flat roofed extension. Erection of new one storey extension with attic rooms. Replacement of existing late 20th century open porch with new enclosed porch. Rebuilding central chimney stack above the roof level.

(Mrs F King)

-Recommendation Approval

7.1.3 S/0426/14/LD

Mill House, Brook Road –Application for a certificate of lawful proposed development for excavations to form two ponds and the erection of a summer house (for information only)

(Mr M Smith)

7.2 Tree Work

There were no applications for tree work.

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

7.3.1 0439/12/FL

Land at Highfield Farm, Litlington –Installation of five wind turbines of maximum height to tip of 100m; a single 60m high lattice tower meteorological mast; on site substation; access tracks; hardstanding areas; external transformers; temporary construction compound and associated infrastructure

-Planning Permission Refused

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

There were no issues raised.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Sappol, Cllr Geraghty, Cllr Cooper
 District Cllr McCraith, District Cllr Cathcart, County Cllr Dent
 Members of Public 2

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Webb and Cllr Pidgeon.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Chairman and Cllr Clarke declared an interest under Item 7.1.1 as neighbours of the property.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 1st April 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1st April 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Village Voice (Solar Farm Article)

Cllr Hallett confirmed that he had responded to the article as discussed at the last meeting.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule

The details of the consultation which would run from 28th April until the 7th July 2014 were forwarded to Councillors.

6. OPEN FORUM

6.1 Land adjacent to Footpath 5

A resident had received notification of an application to register a strip of land next to the footpath. Currently the land did not belong to anyone and the resident wanted to know if the Parish Council or other body had over the years carried out any maintenance on the land. He added that this did not affect him directly but felt the loss of the land could affect the village. Cllr Cathcart suggested that the resident contact Land Registry and ask for a holding concern. This would then give him further time to investigate. Cllr Hallett advised that the maintenance of Footpath 5 was included in the Parish Council specification for work on parish paths carried out on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council. He agreed to forward a copy of the specification to the resident.

*-Cllr
Hallett*

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/0332/14/AD

The Hoops, 74 High Street –Application for the display of nine advertisement signs (Greene King)

The Clerk was asked to point out that the boundary line shown on the plans for the site was incorrect.

-Recommendation Approval

7.1.2 S/0461/14/CW

Land adjacent to Royston Sewerage Treatment works, A505 –Construction of new inert waste recycling facility

A letter had been received from Cambridgeshire County Council asking for comments by the 16th May 2014. Little was known about the proposals. After investigation it was learnt that the proposal was to develop a waste business on the site bringing in precrushed fines and hard core and then processing this into a range of recyclables and specified aggregate type material for onward sale.

Councillors agreed that a representation should be made for refusal of the application on the grounds of noise, smell and dust from the site and the increase in traffic.

-Recommendation Refusal

7.2 Tree Work

There were no applications for tree work.

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

7.3.1 0598/14/FL

Fen Bridge Farm, Fen Road –Erection of single storey barn
(Mr& Dr Paxman)

-Planning Permission Approved

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

There were no issues raised.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 17th June 2014

at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Sappol, Cllr Webb, Cllr Catherall, Cllr Douglass
District Cllr Cathcart
Members of Public 1

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Robinson, opened the meeting and asked for nominations for Chairman. Cllr Hallett proposed Cllr Mead-Blandford, which was seconded by Cllr Freeman. There were no other nominations. Cllr Mead-Blandford accepted the position of Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hirtzel, Cllr Geraghty and Cllr Clarke.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

4. OPEN FORUM

There were no planning issues raised.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 Planning Applications

5.1.1 S/1071/14/FL

45 South End –Erection of Side Porch
(Mr & Mrs England)

Recommendation -Approval

5.1.2 S/1067/14/FL

Vine House, Vine Farm, Shingay-cum-Wendy –Solar Farm and associated works
(Carl-Niklos Wentzel, Vine Farm Solar)

Cllr Webb advised that he had attended a presentation of the plans and solar farms were a lot less of an eyesore than a wind farm. The developers had said that a hedge would be planted to give as much screening as possible. A new footpath would also be created. There was wildlife on the site and developers confirmed that they would avoid disturbing it. Cllr Cathcart expressed his concern over the amount of solar farms in the area and the sheer scale of this particular one. He was aware that the District Council officers were concerned over the character of the landscape. He added that there was also the question of whether this would become a Brownfield site in future. Discussion took place on how this would affect the parish. Cllr Robinson suggested that the Parish Council decision should take into account the strong feeling shown against the Bassingbourn application. After further discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would ask for the deadline for the response to be extended until after the next meeting so that the view of Shingay-cum-Wendy parish could be sought. The Clerk would also ask for the consultation to be extended so that the other neighbouring villages were given the opportunity to comment as this would affect them more than Bassingbourn.

-Clerk

5.1.3 S/1228/14/FL

15 Cambridge Crescent –Two storey side extension
(Miss Sarah Andrews)

Recommendation -Approval

5.2 S/0439/12/FL –Litlington Wind Farm

The Developer and South Cambridgeshire District Council had both advised that an appeal had been lodged against the planning refusal. The appeal was to be determined on the basis of an inquiry. Any further representations were requested by the 15th July 2014.

6. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK**6.1 Communication between Counties**

Councillors discussed recent local press reports about a suggestion of changing county boundaries which then progressed into a discussion about current communication. Examples were given as to when there had been no liaison between North Hertfordshire/Hertfordshire County Council and South Cambridgeshire/Cambridgeshire County Council. Cllr Freeman advised that when the boundaries were changed in 1974 it was stated that there should be direct liaison between councils. Cllr Cathcart added that there was a duty co-operate for the District Councils. He reminded the meeting that Royston Town Council was on the same level of local Government as Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council. Cllr Hallett suggested that when the next occasion arose where the comments of Hertfordshire were needed this would be the time to contact Royston Town Council.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Douglass, Cllr Hull, Cllr Webb
 District Cllr McCraith, County Cllr Dent
 Members of Public 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Clarke, Cllr Hirtzel, Cllr Catherall, Cllr Sappol, District Cllr Cathcart

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no interests declared.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 6th May 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6th May 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3.2 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 17th June 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17th June 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Proposed dwelling in Poplar Farm Close

A letter had been received from Mr & Mrs Worboys advising of their intention to build a three bedroom house on the site of the old piggeries off Poplar Farm Close. They had made a request for pre-application advice from the District Council and the planning application would be forthcoming.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S//1067/14/FL

Vine House, Vine Farm, Shingay-cum-Wendy –Solar Farm and associated works
 (Carl-Niklos Wentzel, Vine Farm Solar)

Cllr McCraith reported that he was involved with the negotiations over this application. At present the developer had offered to take one of the fields out but this was still being refused by the parish. There was a meeting planned on the 7th July 2014 to discuss further. The Clerk advised that, as requested at the last meeting, she had spoken to the Chairman of Shingay-cum-Wendy Parish Meeting who advised the village were against the proposal. There were some modifications coming forward. Cllr Robinson advised that he had also spoken to some parishioners who had confirmed their objection. After further discussion it was agreed by all Councillors that refusal be recommended to the District Council Planners.

-Recommendation Refusal

The reason being that the Parish Council are aware that amendments are to be made to this version of the plans

7.1.2 S/1043/13/LB

Cyris Cottage, 42 Old North Road –Shower to ground floor cloakroom

-Recommendation Approval

7.1.2 S/0332/14/AD (Amended for information only)

The Hoops, 74 High Street –Amendment to sign ‘A’ amended to individual letters instead of

fascia sign

7.2 Tree Work

There were no applications for tree work.

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

There were no decisions reported.

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

8.1 Planning Application S/0098/14/FL –Land to south of Bury Farm, Spring Lane

Cllr McCraith reported that the District Council Planning Committee had visited the site ahead of their committee meeting on the 2nd July where the application decision was to be determined. There were some issues including flooding, screening, archaeology which needed to be addressed and Cllr McCraith asked Councillors if there were any other points they would like brought to the attention of the committee. Cllr Hallett expressed concern over the access for lorries along Spring Lane which was very narrow. Cllr Webb suggested that consideration be given to an opening on the A1198 along Ashwell Stret for vehicle movements. There was only a short stretch of the Stret to Bury Farm.

Cllr Hull suggested that a map of the site be put in the village voice as a lot of parishioners were unaware of the location. The Chairman agreed to speak to the Village Voice editor to see if this could be done.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd July 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Douglass, Cllr Hull, Cllr Catherall
 District Cllr McCraith, District Cllr Cathcart, County Cllr Dent
 Members of Public 4

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Sappol, Cllr Hirtzel, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Geraghty, Cllr Webb

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no interests declared.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 1st July 2014

The Minutes from the meeting had not been distributed to all members. It was agreed that they would be approved at the next meeting on the 19th August 2014.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received was discussed under agenda items.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no planning issues raised.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S//1067/14/FL (Amendment)

Vine House, Vine Farm, Shingay-cum-Wendy –Solar Farm and associated works –Revised location plan to include access to the public highway within the site area, reduction in size of solar farm along with revised mitigation plan and addendum to Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment

(Carl-Niklos Wentzel, Vine Farm Solar)

Cllr Robinson advised that he had spoken to James Paxman who was part of the negotiating team for Shingay-cum-Wendy and they seemed to be happy with the amendments. He added that solar farms had been discussed at the District Council Planning Forum where it was stated that the planners needed very good reasons to refuse these applications. Cllr Hallett advised that this application would not affect Bassingbourn residents directly as there was almost no visibility from the village. Councillors agreed to support Shingay-cum-Wendy Parish Meeting in whatever decision they agreed.

-Recommendation Approval subject to the same recommendation by Shingay-cum-Wendy Parish Meeting.

7.2 Tree Work

7.2.1 C/11/40/009 -56 High Street

Assorted tree works

(Elbourn Memorial Trustees)

-No Comment

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

7.3.1 S/0949/14/LB

Mr & Mrs Marriage -29South End –Replacement porch on north elevation

-Planning Permission Granted

7.3.2 S/1228/14/FL

Miss Sarah Andrews -15 Cambridge Crescent –Two storey side extension

-Planning Permission Granted**8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK****8.1 Local Development Plan**

Cllr Hallett, Cllr Robinson and Cllr Catherall had attended a Parish Planning Forum at South Cambridgeshire District Council offices which had covered a number of topics. The District Council were keen to push ahead with the Local Plan before people had the opportunity to take advantage of loopholes. Cllr Cathcart added that the Planners were trying to get the hearing arranged around October time. He would keep Councillors updated.

8.2 County Council Planning Application S/04461/14/CW

The Clerk advised that the planning application for the construction of a new inert waste recycling facility had been before the County Council Planning Committee on the 17th July 2014. She had not yet been advised of the outcome.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 19th August 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Douglass, Cllr Hull, Cllr Catherall, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Sappol, Cllr Webb
 District Cllr McCraith, District Cllr Cathcart, County Cllr Dent
 Members of Public 6

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hirtzel and District Cllr Cathcart.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no interests declared.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 1st July 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1st July 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3.2 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 22nd July 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 22nd July 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising for discussion.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received was discussed under agenda items.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no planning issues raised.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/1580/14/FL

73 High Street –Detached dwelling and demolition of outbuilding
 (Mr & Mrs Bonnett)

A copy of a representation made by the neighbouring residents was read to the meeting and accompanying photographs circulated. Concerns included a larger dwelling than referred to in the application, proposed building materials, concerns over surface drainage and tree issues on the site. The applicants objected most strongly to the east wing which would be built tight up to the boundary. Cllr Hallett stated that he was puzzled why the application on the District Council website did not show the site within the flood risk area but the Environment Agency plan stated that it was. A discussion took place on the reference to a proposed boundary wall and the potential flooding issues. The architect acting on behalf of the applicant was asked to discuss these with Councillors. He advised that the applicant would be happy to pursue a flood risk assessment through the District Council planners.

After further discussion Councillors agreed to recommend refusal at this stage while the flooding issues were progressed with the District Council.

-Recommendation Refusal

The Parish Council recommend refusal at this stage while flooding issues are pursued with the District Council Planners

7.1.2 S/1693/14/FL

New Farm, Old North Road, Whaddon –Demolition of existing amenity blocks and site wardens house, change of use of underdeveloped land to allow redevelopment of the travelers site, provision of an additional pitch and construction of 16 new amenity blocks
 (Debbie Barrett, South Cambridgeshire District Council)

Recommendation -Approval

7.2 Tree Work C/11/40/0097.2.1 South End Recreation Ground

Work to Horse Chestnut Trees

(Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council)

Councillors were updated on the application made which had been instigated by the Recreation Ground committee. Cllr Webb and Cllr Hallett had met with the District Council Tree Officer who had suggested the crown reduction by up to 20% and light crown thin.

-No Comment

7.2.2 6 Limes Close

Various Tree Works

(Mrs Alusia)

Councillors were asked to look at the trees in question for discussion again at the next meeting on the 2nd September 2014.

7.2.3 8 Brook Road

Various Tree Works

(Mr P Ravenscroft)

-No Comment

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

7.3.1S/1043/13/LB

Cyris Cottage, 42 Old North Road –Shower to ground floor cloakroom

-Planning Permission Granted

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

8.1 Planning Application S/0098/14/FL

Cllr Cathcart had suggested that now the solar farm application for land to the south of Bury Farm, Spring Lane, had been approved the Parish Council should acknowledge the offer made by the developer, Push Energy Ltd, of an annual payment of £500 per MW for a period of five years. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

8.2 Cambridgeshire County Council Planning Application S/04461/14/CW

Cllr Freeman advised that the application for the construction of a new inert waste recycling facility had been approved by the County Council planning committee.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Douglass, Cllr Hull, Cllr Hirtzel,
 District Cllr McCraith, District Cllr Cathcart, County Cllr Dent
 Members of Public 6

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Webb, Cllr Sappol, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Catherall, Cllr Geraghty.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Hirtzel declared a disclosable interest under Item 7.1.2 as the owner of the property.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 19th August 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19th August 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Planning Application S/1693/14/FL New Farm, Old North Road

Cllr Hull expressed his concern over recent reports on the cost of the refurbishment of the site discussed at the last planning meeting. He felt that the cost was estimated to be a lot more than originally advised. It was confirmed that the latest costings were based on the three sites in the County and not just the Whaddon site. This accounted for the increase. Cllr Cathcart advised that the refurbishment was a Government requirement as the three sites where the work was to take place were not fit for habitation.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received was discussed under agenda items.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no planning issues raised.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/1816/14/FL

45 South End –Single storey side porch and playroom extension
 (Mr & Mrs England)

-Recommendation Approval

7.1.2 S/1909/14/LB & S/1905/14/FL

1 North End –Proposed refurbishment and conversion of existing barn outbuilding to provide hobby/artist studio space and storage ancillary to the use of the main dwelling house
 (Mr & Mrs S Hirtzel)

Cllr Hirtzel left the meeting while the application was discussed.

Recommendation -Approval

7.2 Tree Work C/11/40/009

7.2.1 6 Limes Close

Various Tree Works

(Mrs Mazurek)

The application was discussed in detail as there were concerns raised over issues relating to the ownership of the land which the District Councillors were aware of. Councillors agreed that the tree work was needed.

-No Comment

7.2.2 10 High Street

Various Tree Works to silver Cedar and row of Cupressus

(Mr Plock)

-No Comment

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

7.3.1S/1067/14/FL

Vine Farm, Shingay Cum Wendy –Solar Farm and Associated works

-Planning Permission Granted

Cllr McCraith advised that even though the application had been approved by South Cambridgeshire District Council it was still subject to the agreement of the Secretary of State.

7.3.2 Litlington Wind Farm

The Clerk had been notified that the appeal on the refusal of planning permission due to be heard in November 2014 had been withdrawn.

8. SOLAR FARM, LAND OFF BURY FARM, SPRING LANE

The Clerk had received a letter from the developer, Push Energy, asking if the Parish Council wanted to accept the proposal made in January 2014 for annual payments for a period of five years equivalent to £500 per MW.

Cllr Robinson suggested that this should not go through a Section 106 agreement but an agreement where the Parish Council would be able to decide how to spend the money. A discussion took place on whether there was scope for further negotiation as planning consent had been granted. Councillors agreed that at this stage a letter should be sent accepting the proposal. Cllr Cathcart had discussed this with the District Council Legal Officer and been advised of wording to use. He agreed to forward to the Clerk to use in the response.

*-Cllr
Cathcart &
Clerk*

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

There were no further planning issues raised.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 16th September 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Douglass, Cllr Hull, Cllr Geraghty, Cllr Sappol, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Webb
 District Cllr McCraith, District Cllr Cathcart,
 Members of Public 2

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Catherall, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Hirtzel, County Cllr Dent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 2nd September 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Solar Farm –Land off Bury Farm. Spring Lane

As discussed at the last meeting the Clerk had circulated a draft response to the Developer's proposal. Cllr Cathcart, the Parish Council Chairman and Cllr Hallett had considered the wording and agreed that it covered the issue and the letter could be sent. It would then be up to the Developer to come forward with a draft agreement.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received was discussed under agenda items.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no planning issues raised.

Heidi Allen, one of the members of public in attendance, advised that she was a potential candidate to replace the South Cambridgeshire representative Andrew Lansley MP when he stood down at the next General Election. She was observing the meeting.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/1513/14/LB

11 North End –Internal alterations, including removal of existing stud walls, making good plaster, installation of extractor fan with external grille
 (Mrs E Wingham)

-Recommendation Approval

7.1.2 S/1979/14/FL

2 Poplar Farm Close –Erection of dwelling and associated infrastructure inc. demolition of piggery –partial removal of the end bay of monopitched outbuilding (former piggery) and reinstatement of boundary wall
 (S Worboys)

Recommendation -Approval

7.2 Tree Work C/11/40/009

7.2.1 49 South End

Assorted Tree Works

(Mr A Brown)

-No Comment

7.2.2 35 High Street

Trim back Yew trees

(Mrs G Karin)

The Clerk reported that Cllr Catherall had expressed concern over this application as the trees

were from his property (35 High Street).He was unaware of the application. Councillors agreed that permission for the tree work should not be given until a full consultation had taken place.

-The application should be refused until the neighbours are consulted

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

There had been no notifications received.

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

8.1 Local Development Plan

Cllr Cathcart advised that the Plan was moving ahead. The Inspection was due to commence at the end of October. There had already been a preliminary meeting. Cllr Cathcart hoped that it would be considered before Christmas with any changes recommended by the new year.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 7th October 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Douglass, Cllr Geraghty, Cllr Sappol, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Cooper
 District Cllr McCraith
 Members of Public 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Catherall, Cllr Webb, Cllr Hull, Cllr Hirtzel, District Cllr Cathcart, County Cllr Dent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 16th September 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 16th September 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Solar Farm –Land off Bury Farm. Spring Lane

As agreed at the last meeting the Clerk had sent a response to Push Energy regarding the community benefit negotiations. She had received a reply stating that they did not have an agreement but enclosed a further copy of the original letter from January 2014, with a second page for a signature accepting the proposal.

Cllr Geraghty expressed his concern over the lack of an agreement especially since Wendy had secured a good financial benefit from Vine Farm. It was reiterated that when the developer attended the Parish Council planning meeting to present the proposals the community benefit was not a reason for approval of the application. Cllr McCraith added that at this stage, as planning consent had been given, the developer was not obliged to contribute anything.

After further discussion it was agreed to accept the proposal as made in January 2014. The Clerk would sign to accept the offer on behalf of the Parish Council. *-Clerk*

The Clerk then advised that the Parish Council had been copied in on correspondence between the County Councillor and the Community Speedwatch team. A letter from a High Street resident had expressed concern over the speed of the vehicles travelling back and forth to the solar farm site. The letter referred that a neighbouring resident, whom was named, was also concerned over the traffic.

A letter had since been received from that resident pointing out that he had no issue with the vehicles, as they had to carry out their work, and stating that he did not want his name to be used to support the neighbours view.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received was discussed under agenda items.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/1933/14/FL

66 South End –Single storey rear/side extension

(Mrs Jenny Kingsley)

-Recommendation Approval

7.2 Tree Work

There were no applications for tree work for consideration.

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

7.3.1 S/1816/14/FL

45 South End –Single storey side porch and playroom extension
(Mr & Mrs England)

-Planning Permission Approved

7.3.2 S/1910/47/LB

1 North End –Refurbishment and conversion of existing barn outbuilding to provide hobby/artist studio space and storage ancillary to the use of the main dwelling house
(Mr & Mrs Hirtzel)

-Planning Permission Approved

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

8.1 Planning Consent for 17 Elm Tree Drive

It had been noted that building work was underway on the property. The Clerk was asked to check if permission for the work had been granted by the planning authority. *-Clerk*

8.2 Solar Farm Applications

Cllr McCraith reported that planning consent had been agreed for another solar farm this time between the A1198 and A10.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman_____

Date_____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Douglass, Cllr Geraghty, Cllr McInulty, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Webb, Cllr Hull, Cllr Hirtzel
 District Cllr McCraith, District Cllr Cathcart
 Members of Public 3

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Catherall, Cllr Sappol, County Cllr Dent

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 7th October 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 7th October 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Solar Farm –Land off Bury Farm. Spring Lane

Cllr Cathcart reported that he had been made aware that the contractors had proceeded with the installation development without complying with some of the environmental conditions of planning consent. This needed to be clarified by the planning officers. He would pursue.

*-Cllr
Cathcart*

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Local Green Space Designation in the Local Plan

The District Council had contacted the Parish Council as owners of land proposed as ‘Local Green Space’ in the Councils draft Local Plan to give an opportunity to make comments on the proposals. The areas identified were the areas in South End, Fortune Way and Elbourn Way. The National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) which was issued in March 2014 recommended that Councils should contact the landowners of land proposed for inclusion in the Plan. It had not been normal national practice to contact landowners on the emerging proposals but, even though it was not a requirement, the District Council had decided to respond positively by making contact.

Cllr Hallett stated that these areas were the ones put forward by the Parish Council originally. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council view on inclusion of the land should be reinforced with the District Council.

-Clerk

Cllr Cathcart believed that the District Council should have contacted the Landowners as a matter of course in the first place. He added that this further consultation might not make a difference as the District Council had already carried out their assessment.

Cllr Hallett also noted that text of the District Council letter had not listed the part of The Rouses held by the Parish Council and queried whether this land had been registered in accordance with Land Registry guidance that leases of more than seven years should be registered. The Clerk would pursue this with Land Registry.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

7.1.1 S/2340/14/FL

Bassingbourn Village College, South End –Replace existing single glazed crittall style windows with PVCu double glazed windows
 (Duncan Cooper, Bassingbourn Village College)

-Recommendation Approval

7.1.2 S/2352/14/FL

7 Fortune Way –First floor extension on the north elevation above existing garage
(Mr & Mrs Richard Warren)

-Recommendation Approval

7.2 Tree Work

There were no applications for tree work for consideration.

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

7.3.1 S/1513/14/LB

11 North End –Internal alterations including removal of existing stud walls, making good plaster, installation of extractor fan with external grille
(Mrs E Wingham)

-Planning Permission Approved

7.3.2 S/1933/14/FL

66 South End –Single storey rear/side extension
(Ms Jenny Kingsley)

-Planning Permission Approved

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

8.1 Planning Application S/0906/14FL -165 The Causeway

Cllr McCraith advised that the planning application for a dwelling was to be considered by the District Council Planning Committee the following day.

8.2 Local Development Plan

Cllr McCraith reported that the Local Plan inspection had started at the District Council offices. There appeared to be a lot of interest shown by visitors to the offices.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Robinson (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Douglass, Cllr Geraghty, Cllr McNulty, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Webb, Cllr Hull, Cllr Spencerly
 District Cllr McCraith,
 Members of Public 2

In the absence of Cllr Mead-Blandford the Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Robinson, chaired the meeting

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Catherall, Cllr Sappol, County Cllr Dent

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 4th November 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th November 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received was discussed under agenda items.

6. OPEN FORUM

6.1 Solar Farm Traffic

Concerns were expressed over the condition of the road at the end of Spring Lane where the vehicles for the solar farm installation were causing the road to break up rapidly. There was also concern over the speed of some of the vehicles although the site lorries did appear to adhere to the 10mph limit. Cllr Spencerly added that the potholes created were dangerous as they could not all be seen. Cllr Freeman advised that he had been contacted by parishioners also concerned over South End as vehicles were using both roads.

Cllr Hallett suggested that this may be a planning issue if there were planning conditions relating to the road in the consent. After further discussion Cllr McCraith agreed to alert the Planning Officer, Paul Sexton, as to the damage to the road and speeding.

*-Cllr
McCraith*

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration.

7.2 Tree Work

7.2.1 C/11/17/009/14

Bassingbourn Parish Church Room –Cutting back of overhanging branches
 (Mr Beardmore –Church Warden)

Cllr Hallett advised that the trees in question were subject to a tree preservation order.

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

There had been no decisions received since the last meeting.

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

There were no issues raised.

The meeting closed at 7.49pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December 2014
at The Limes, High Street- 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Mead-Blandford (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Douglass, Cllr McNulty, Cllr Freeman, Cllr Webb, Cllr Sappol, Cllr Spenceley, Cllr Catherall, Cllr Robinson
 District Cllr McCraith, County Cllr Dent
 Members of Public 0

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hirtzel, Cllr Hull, Cllr Geraghty and District Cllr Cathcart.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

3.1 Minutes of Planning committee meeting 18th November 2014

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 18th November 2014 were agreed a true record and signed by the Chairman following the amendment of Cllr Spenceley's surname.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Solar Farm Traffic

Cllr McCraith confirmed that he had spoken to the District Council Planning Enforcement officer following the comments made at the last meeting. A meeting was to be arranged with the developer to discuss the issues of concern.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received was discussed under agenda items.

6. OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public in attendance.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7.1 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration.

7.2 Tree Work

There were no tree work applications for consideration.

7.3 Planning Decisions notified by District Council

There had been no decisions received since the last meeting.

8. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

8.1 Chestnut Lane Wireless Station site

Cllr Spenceley expressed concern over a new building being erected by the entrance to the site. Cllr Hallett stated that there had been various applications for buildings over the years. A site meeting had been held a few months ago to discuss the proposals. Cllr Robinson confirmed that the unit in question was the last to be built and it did have planning consent.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 17th December 2014
at The Chapel Schoolroom, South End- 7.15pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Freeman (Chairman), Cllr Hallett, Cllr Douglass, Cllr McNulty, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Hull, Cllr Geraghty
 Members of Public 2

In the absence of Cllr Mead-Blandford the meeting was Chaired by Cllr Freeman

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Mead-Blandford, Cllr Webb, Cllr Catherall

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received was discussed under agenda items.

4. OPEN FORUM

There were no comments made.

5. TO CONSIDER PLANNING/TREE WORK APPLICATIONS

5.1 Planning

5.1.1 S/2705/14/LB

11 North End - Remove existing fireplace & hearth and install a safe, multi-fuel stove in the lounge area of the house

(Mr Christopher Wingham)

Recommendation Approval

5.1.2 S/2609/14/FL

28 Old North Road - Change of use of land from agricultural to residential use and erection of a shed

(Mr Alaister Sale)

A discussion took place on the land which had been refused planning permission before. Concerns were raised that if the use of the land became residential then there would be an opportunity in future for a dwelling. Councillors had no objection to the land being used as a garden. Cllr Robinson suggested that this response be reflected in the reply to the District Council.

Recommendation –Refusal

The Parish Council have no objection to the change of use from agricultural to garden use but not residential

5.2 Tree Work

C/11/40/009

5.2.1 The Vicarage, North End –Various tree works

(Mr S Layton, Ely Diocesan Office)

-No Comment

5.2.2 North End Verge –Work to Lime trees

(Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Parish Council)

-No Comment

5.2.3 37 High Street –Work to Leylandii tree

(Mr M Ridsdale)

-No Comment

6. COUNCILLORS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND REQUIRING THE URGENT ATTENTION OF THE CLERK

6.1 Uttlesford Local Plan

Cllr Hallett advised that the Inspectors had found Uttlesford Local Plan to be ‘unsound’. One reason was that there was not enough allocated housing. Elsenham had also been highlighted as no account had been made for the poor roads and infrastructure relating to planned housing

in the village. Councillors agreed that this was very interesting as it could reflect on the South Cambridgeshire District Council inspection.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman _____

Date _____