

RAUNDS TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes: 18th November: Start Time 19:30pm

PRESENT:

Cllr R Beattie, Cllr P Byrne and Cllr B Cross (Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE:

L Blood, Administrative Assistant (Minutes)

4 Members of the Public

PLC50.24 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr D Hughes, Cllr M Levell and Cllr T Swailes.

PLC51.24 Notification of requests from members of the public to address the meeting in compliance with adopted protocol.

A member of the public attended to speak in opposition to the application listed at item PLC55.24.

PLC52.24 Notification of members questions in compliance with the Council's standing orders.

None received.

PLC53.24 Declarations of interest:

COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY HAVE EITHER A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST OR OTHER INTEREST IN ANY ITEM THEN THEY SHOULD DECLARE THE INTEREST AND LEAVE THE MEETING FOR THAT ITEM.

Cllr B Cross declared a non-pecuniary interest in item PLC55.24, insofar as he is a resident of Darcie Park estate and had read the resident objections lodged via the planning portal. It was confirmed no meetings or discussions regarding the application had taken place with any resident prior to the Committee meeting.

PLC54.24 Minutes: To confirm the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 15th August 2024.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th August 2024 be confirmed as a true record.

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PLC55.24 Planning applications received for consideration:

NE/24/01078/PNA | **Proposal:** Prior Notification – Agricultural. Building to be used for the management of adjoining woodland, including machinery store, workshop and timber store, together with stoned access track. | **Location:** Land Adjacent Centenary Way, Centenary Way, Raunds.

RESOLVED that Raunds Town Council objects to the application on the following grounds:

- (i) The proposed stone track requires access over private land, which is not permitted;
- (ii) The application claims the development is necessary for agricultural purposes, but the reasoning provided does not align with the accepted definition of agriculture; the land in question is described as is currently woodland with no agricultural activity. Furthermore, it lacks a right of way and is surrounded by private land. Residents state that any temporary access the applicant had has since been removed;
- (iii) The application states the site cannot be seen from public roads, footpaths, or bridleways, but this is inaccurate;
- (iv) Clearing the woodland will disrupt local wildlife and negatively impact the environment;
- (v) Once trees are removed, the development will overlook nearby gardens and bedrooms, infringing on residents' privacy;
- (vi) The applicant has previously carried out significant work on the site without the presence of a storage unit, therefore the case for this does not appear to be justified;
- (vii) The building plans suggest the inclusion of a WC, raising concerns that the applicant may be preparing for further development beyond what is stated.

It was requested that the application be called in by the unitary ward Councillors.

PLC56.24 Planning appeals:

None received.

PLC57.24 Planning permissions granted:

NE/24/00558/LBC | **Location:** Providence House, Brooks Road, Raunds, Wellingborough, NN9 6NS. | **Description:** Proposed

internal repairs and replacement of window following fire and smoke damage.

NE/24/00721/FUL | **Location:** 15 Lee Way, Raunds, Wellingborough, NN9 6LE. | **Description:** Proposed Side Extension.
 NE/24/00565/FUL | **Location:** Amos Lawrence Park, Stanwick Road, Raunds, Wellingborough, NN9 6DG. **Description:** Replacement concrete skate park and pump track on the site of the former Skate Park. To include an accessible footpath from the skate park to the car park. Installation of a small seating area for the skatepark users and carers. Extension of existing car park with galvanised palisade fencing to be installed.

PLC58.24 Planning permissions refused:

NE/24/00775/TPO | **Location:** Ashton House, 30 Stanwick Road, Raunds, Wellingborough, NN9 6DG. | **Description:** T1; Cedar – Fell close to ground level (approx. 50mm) T4; Pine – fell close to ground level (approx. 50mm).

NE/24/00905/FUL | **Location:** 24 Whitney Close, Raunds, Wellingborough, NN9 6TW. | **Description:** Change of use of land and retention of as built fencing and wall (retrospective).

PLC59.24 Planning applications referred to NNC planning management committee:

None received.

PLC60.24 Amended planning application:

None received.

PLC61.24 Application received for prior notification:

None received.

PLC62.24 Items not requiring planning consent:

None received.

PLC63.24 Consultations:

None received.

PLC64.24 Planning enquiries:

None received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:03pm

Confirmed: (Chairman)

Meeting Date: 19th December 2024 (Committee)

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