

LEICESTER FOREST EAST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning, Trees and Highways Committee Meeting on Tuesday 5th September 2023, held in the Parish Hall, Kings Drive, Leicester Forest East commencing at 7.00pm.

Present: P. Kitchen (Chair) C. wells (Vice-Chair) M. Bozzoni D. Dawes
D. Di Palma

Mrs H. E. Mann – Clerk to the Council.

PTH 23.85 To receive apologies for absence

Resolution: The Committee resolved to accept apologies for absence from Councillor Darlison.

PTH 23.86 To receive Disclosures of Interest in accordance with the Code of Conduct

None.

PTH 23.87 To adjourn the meeting to receive Questions from the Public

None.

PTH 23.88 To confirm the Minutes of the Planning, Trees and Highways Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 4th July 2023

Resolution: The Committee resolved to accept the minutes from the 4th July 2023 Planning, Trees and Highways Committee meeting as a true and accurate record.

Clerk to remove the word draft from the July 4th 2023 Planning, Trees and Highways Committee minutes on the website.

PTH 23.89 To discuss matters arising from those minutes:

(a) To discuss new MVAS for Warren Lane and Welcome to LFE road signs to be purchased by £25,000 Members' Highways Fund

The Leicester Forest East logo has been re-configured by a graphic designer (free of charge) into a circular shape and this has been sent to Highways for approval to go onto the new 'Welcome to Leicester Forest East' road signs.

(b) Amended Christmas tree quote

After consideration, the Committee resolved to stick with its previous decision to purchase a 20-foot-high Christmas tree where part of the 20 feet will be included in the tree trunk in the ground, as it will still be significantly larger than last year's tree.

The Clerk updated the Committee on negotiations with St. Andrew's Church in relation to purchasing a small Christmas tree to be planted there which will, over the year, grow big enough to replace the cut one the Parish Council provides each year.

Clerk to go ahead and purchase 20-foot-high Christmas tree.

PTH 23.90 To discuss Planning Applications:

(a) 23/0681/HH – 46 Acres Road – single storey extension

No Comment.

(b) 23/0689/TPO – 16 Lodge Close – T1 Ash – remove 3x lowest limbs to clear roof by 2m

No Comment.

(c) 21/01295/OUT – outline planning for up to 225 dwellings, land off Desford Lane, Ratby

This application came from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and has, since the agenda was prepared, been refused.

The Parish Council noted that Blaby District Council objected to this application due to its cumulative impact on the Highways network as quoted below:

Blaby District Council – Strongly objects to the application. The proposal is within the countryside and therefore contrary to Policy DM4 of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies DPD as well as policies 7 and 8 of the Core Strategy. The application site is divorced from the nearby settlement of Ratby and would have poor linkages to wider services and facilities. Having only one access into the site exacerbates these issues. There is also little opportunity to integrate into the wider cycle and footpath network. Consequently, the development would create a car dominated and isolated settlement, with poor access to services and facilities, which therefore represents an unsustainable form of development contrary to the Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework. Blaby District Council is particularly concerned regarding the cumulative impacts arising from a development of this scale on the highway network. Of particular concern is the impact of the development both in terms of congestion and air quality at the Ratby Lane, Desford Road junction in Kirby Muxloe and on the A47 in Leicester Forest East. The District Council also forwarded objections from Leicester Forest East Parish Council. The responses from the parish councils is to the consultation from Blaby rather than direct to HBBC in response to consultation on the planning application. The Parish Council objects to the application on highway grounds, the impact on residents' health due to the effect on air quality due to increased traffic and the negative effect on local wildlife. If permission is granted pavements would be required on the A47 to allow safe pedestrian access.

(d) 21/1187/HH – 20 Beggars Lane – appeal to Secretary of State on planning decision

No Comment.

PTH 23.91

To note Planning Decisions:

(a) 21/0312/HH – 16 South Avenue – single storey rear extension – GRANTED

Noted.

PTH 23.92

To note planning enforcement cases:

(a) E23/0145/UDRES – 108 Hinckley Road – erection of large porch/extension to front of property – Status PCO

Noted.

(b) E23/0154/BOCND – land, Ratby Lane, Kirby Muxloe – building materials on the road – CLOSED

Noted.

(c) E23 – 4 Kirloe Avenue – overgrown rear garden – Status PCO

Noted.

(d) E23/0209/UDCOM – 150/150A Hinckley Road – works to frontage of buildings – CLOSED

Noted.

(e) E23/0184/UDRES – 83 Kings Drive – erection of side extension - CLOSED

Noted.

(f) E23/0196/HDGRW – Land north east of, Desford Road, Lubbethorpe – removal of hedgerow – CLOSED

Noted.

(g) 23/0506/HH – 26 Kings Drive – single storey extension – GRANTED

Noted.

PTH 23.93

To discuss or note Planning Applications/Decisions/Enforcement cases received after agenda was prepared:

None.

PTH 23.94

To note formalisation of address at site to rear of 150 Hinckley Road

Noted.

- PTH 23.95** **Annual review of Neighbourhood Development Plan (until the plan expires in 2029)**
Resolved: The Committee resolved to make no changes to the Neighbourhood Development Plan after its annual review.
- Clerk to make a note in the Plan of Work that the Planning Committee should carry out an in-depth review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan in summer 2024.*
- PTH 23.96** **To discuss request from resident for particular road markings on Charnwood Drive**
Clerk to contact LCC and request the double yellow lines are re-painted on Charnwood Drive and that a prohibition of loading marking is installed, indicated by double tabs, on Charnwood Drive where it meets the A47. This is to prevent a serious road traffic incident/injury. Also, that this is the result of concerns from residents and the Parish Council. Copy in District and County Councillors to the email request and send a copy to the resident who raised the issue.
- PTH 23.97** **To discuss whether the Committee wishes to reiterate complaint of another local Parish Council in relation to proposed development of 850+ houses on land off A47**
Resolution: The Committee resolved to reiterate the complaint that Kirby Muxloe Parish Council has sent to BDC's monitoring officer in relation to proposed development of 850+ houses on land off A47.
- The Chair of the Planning Committee will draft a response to Blaby District Council's planning department which the Clerk will email on to BDC on LFEPC headed paper. However, before doing so the Clerk will let a District and a County Councillor have sight of it.*
- PTH 23.98** **To begin to think about Planning Committee budget items for 2023/2024 budget**
Clerk to leave 'To begin to think about Planning Committee budget items for 2023/2024 budget' on the Planning Committee agenda.
- PTH 23.99** **To consider email 'National Effort to Protect Neighbourhood Plans'**
Resolution: The Committee resolved to write to the local MP to reiterate concerns from another Parish Council after a Neighbourhood Development Plan overruled during a planning application in the Newcastle-under-Lyme area.
- Clerk to write to individual who made the Parish Council aware of the concerns over NDPs and reiterate his letter in a letter from LFEPC to the local MP.*
- PTH 23.100** **To consider Committee's previous decision to install two 'No Motorbikes' signs on Shanklin Gardens**
Resolution: The Committee resolved to email LCC Highways, copying in the county and District Councillors, and ask whether LCC can add the 'No Motorbike Signs' to Shanklin Gardens.
- PTH 23.101** **Date of next meeting**
Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 7.31pm.