

Minutes of Girton Parish Council's Planning Committee of Thursday 17th June 2010 in the Cotton Hall, Girton at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Martin (Chairman), de Lacey, Ash, and Barnard; and two members of the public.
In attendance: Robert Stone (Clerk)

10/57 Welcome by Committee Chairman

Cllr Martin, the new Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced new Committee members.

10/58 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Bromwich, Garner & Taylor.

10/59 Members' declarations of interest for items on agenda

Cllr Martin declared a personal interest in Item 10/63/1 & 2 as he had visited Girton College as part of his professional duties; and Cllr de Lacey declared a personal interest in Item 10/67 in that it included supplementary information on planning application for 24 High Street which was close to his home.

10/60 Open session for the Public

Two members of the public spoke about their planning application for 24 High Steet, Girton. Their neighbours had objected to their proposed extension on how it would affect their daylight. In the interests of good neighbourly relations the issue had been discussed, and hopefully would be resolved by resubmitting a slightly different set of plans. They had made contact with SCDC's Planning Officer who agreed that the matter would be held pending receipt of new plans.
(Clerk – Confirmed with SCDC.)

10/61 That the minutes of the meeting on 25th May 2010 be approved

The minutes were approved (one in favour, 3 abstentions) by the meeting, and signed and dated by Cllr Martin.

10/62 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

10/63 Planning Applications (for recommendation)

1. S/0508/10/F Re Roofing, Mistress Flat, Girton College, Huntingdon Road, Girton, Girton College.
2. S/0509/10/LB Alterations, raise roof level and re-roof with 'Safefil' replace 3 rooflights and install satellite dish, Mistress Flat, Girton College, Huntingdon Road, Girotn, Girton College

Items 1 & 2 were considered together. No problems were identified particularly as the works would largely be hidden from public view. Recommendation Approve.

3. S/0804/10/F Extension, 8 Northfield, Girton, Mr Benedict Pulford
The Committee decided to refuse this application on the basis that its size appeared disproportionately large compared to the footprint of the existing property.
Recommendation Refuse.

4. S/0807/10/F Extensions, 23 Thornton Road, Girton. Dr Zoran Radivojevic
The Committee noted that this was a resubmission following SCDC's refusal of an earlier

planning application. The new plans were carefully examined against the old and changes identified. The minor modifications that had been made were considered to be an improvement. As no significant issues arose and it was decided to approve this application with no comments. Recommendation Approve.

10/64 Notification of Approved Planning Applications

SCDC notification received for two approvals – Hotel Felix (S/0346/10/F); and the successful appeal (AOO/W0530/D/10/212057) considered by the Government’s Planning Inspectorate relating to 49 Cambridge Road, Girton. The Committee felt its initial reservations about the latter application were still valid but recognised that these had been over ruled.

10/65 Notification of Refused Planning Applications

None received.

10/66 Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of land as garden land, land to the south-east of, 12 Mayfield Road, Girton, Mr Keith Thomas.

This was considered with interest by Councillors most of whom had not come across lawful development certificates before or appreciated the extent of the land behind Mayfield Close. In this instance SCDC was merely seeking local information to aid its deliberations. As none was available on 17th June the Planning Committee decided not to comment.

(Clerk – Local information became available after the meeting and this has been emailed to SCDC’s Planning Department.)

10/67 To give initial considerations to any planning applications received between 11th June 2010 and 17th June 2010

The Committee received supplementary planning information from SCDC in the form of a desk exercise to determine how the proposed extension at 24 High Street would affect the daylight reaching their neighbours. As detailed at Item 10/60 above plans are being resubmitted so this issue was not discussed.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm with an informal discussion on how the Committee and its members, would consider planning applications in future.