

Girton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Girton Parish Council Planning Committee held on Wednesday 21st November 2012 at 7.00 p.m. at St Vincent's Close Community Centre, Girton.

Members of the public were invited to attend and to speak at Item 12/195

Present: Cllrs: Taylor (Chairman), Bromwich, de Lacey, Gordon, Martin (from item 12/198.2), Thorrold, Westley, Williams

5 members of the public

In attendance: S Cumming (Clerk)

12/192 Welcome from the Committee Chairman The Committee Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

12/193 Apologies for Absence Apologies had been received from Cllrs Clift, Cockley and Noble and the Chairman accepted their reasons for absence.

12/194 Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda. None.

12/195 Open session for members of the public.

A member of the public commented on planning application S/2188/12/FL, regarding the loss of privacy to rear gardens afforded by the third floor of the planned building, which would have line of sight into neighbouring dwellings. Concerns were also expressed regarding the setting of a precedent for conversion of two-storey dwellings to three-storey ones.

12/196 That the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6th November, 2012 be approved. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr Taylor, approved unanimously and signed by the Committee Chairman.

12/197 Matters arising from Minutes. None.

12/198 Planning Applications (for recommendation)

1. S/2199/12/FL Erection of two dwellings and associated works following demolition of existing at 24 Bandon Road, Girton. Applicant: Identified Developments Ltd

Approved with two votes against and one abstention. Concerns were raised regarding whether this would set a precedent for altering many properties in this area.

2. S/2127/12/FL Convert existing garage into self-contained unit and rear extension to main house at Thornton House, Huntingdon Road, Girton. Applicant: Mr P Murray-John.

The Clerk has received one written objection to the application which has been forwarded to South Cambridgeshire District Council's Planning Department, which she summarised at the meeting. The planning application was recommended for refusal on the following grounds:

i) The drawings submitted are misleading as they do not represent the correct footprint for the neighbouring property and also show many trees which have since been removed.

ii) Concerns regarding overshadowing of neighbouring properties.

iii) Concerns regarding possible change of use – the owners would need to be reminded that they would need a change of use before this could be a dwelling of multiple occupancy.

The application was unanimously turned down.

3. S/2253/12/FL Proposed conversion and rear extension to existing double garage at Girton Farm, Oakington Road, Girton. Applicants: Mr & Mrs R Marr.

Approved. No written objections have been received by the Clerk. The Committee questioned whether a condition could be made that this extension is not used for commercial purposes.

4. S/2220/12/FL Sun room and two storey rear extension at 20 Girton Road, Girton. Applicant: Mr R Martin. Approved unanimously.

5. S/2188/12/FL Extensions plus new fenestration treatment at 6 Cherry Bounds Road, Girton. Applicants: Mr & Mrs Burrows.

The planning application was recommended for refusal on the following grounds:

i) The application is for a three-storey flat-roofed building which would overshadow other properties and could set a precedent for three-storey developments being made from two-storey housing.

ii) The application would be out of character with the rest of the area's housing stock.

iii) Concerns for loss of privacy as top-floor windows would face directly into living accommodation of other properties.

The Clerk has received two written objections to the application which have been forwarded to South Cambridgeshire District Council Planning Department.

The application was unanimously turned down.

6. S/1749/12/FL Single storey side and rear extension at 36 Thornton Road, Girton. Applicants: Mr & Mrs M Smith. Approved with one abstention.

12/199 Notification of Approved Planning Applications – Subject to conditions

1. S/1191/11 Listed Building Consent : permission for pair of fire doors to cloister corridor at Girton College – amendment

2. S/1939/12/FL Erection of three dwellings, garaging with residential annexe above and associated works following demolition of 19 Bandon Road, Girton.

Noted by the Committee.

12/200 Notification of Refused Planning Applications. None.

12/201 Notification of Non-Material Amendments to Planning Applications. None.

12/202 Certificates of Proposed Lawful Use or Development. None.

12/203 Enforcement cases since last Planning Committee Meeting. None.

12/204 To give initial consideration to any planning applications received before 21st November, 2012. Planning application S/2322/12/FL will be considered at a later date.

The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.