



MINUTES

2012/P07

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

held at The Methodist Rooms on 1 May 2012 at 1900

Those Present: Mike Gates (Chairman), Rodney Crafer, Joe Ellison, Allen Frary, Ray Hewitt, Pauline Catton, Campbell MacCallum, Gary Anthony, Lindsay Dew & Roger Arguile

Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Greg Hewitt (Asst. Clerk), Peter Terrington, Jonathan Savory, Press (The Quay) & 19 members of the public

Public Forum – MG allowed those members of the public present to comment or ask questions prior to the start of the planning meeting. The majority spoke against the plans for a Co-operative store.

- 1) Apologies: None
- 2) Declarations of Interest: Paul Catton and Lindsey Dew declared a personal interest
- 3) Minutes of the meeting held 23 April 2012 Agreed & signed
- 4) Polka Road Caravans, Polka Road
Erection of retail store and associated parking
Various councillors spoke out against the proposed plan
RH proposed any vote made should be a recorded vote
CM proposed the planning application should be rejected
JE seconded the proposal to reject the planning application
A vote was conducted:
Councillors for the proposal to reject the application: Rodney Crafer, Joe Ellison, Allen Frary, Ray Hewitt, Campbell MacCallum, Gary Anthony, Lindsay Dew & Roger Arguile
Councillors against the proposal to reject the application: Mike Gates
Abstained: Pauline Catton
Resolved to reject the planning application with the following comments:
 - 1) Safety issues – traffic near primary school
 - 2) Independent shops vital to high streets – this proposal makes them vulnerable
 - 3) Will not sell anything not already available locally (unless a filling station is added – but not part of current plan)
 - 4) Do not wish our vibrant Town Centre to become like Stalham/Fakenham (and possibly even Sheringham)
 - 5) Free parking on site will create an unlevel playing field to existing shops where parking has to be paid for (at Tourist Rate)
- 5) Determinations
None

Meeting closed at 1929