PLANNING COMMITTEE 6 JANUARY 2011

Present: Councillor Ray Gamble (Chairman)

Councillors Peter Chillingworth, John Elliott, Andrew Ellis, Stephen Ford, Theresa Higgins, Jackie Maclean, Jon Manning, Philip Oxford,

Ann Quarrie and Laura Sykes

Substitute Member: Councillor Bill Frame for Councillor Helen Chuah

(* No formal site visits were undertaken for this meeting.)

160. Former Councillor David Adams

The Chairman referred to the very sad news that former Wivenhoe Councillor David Adams had died in a road accident on 4 January 2011 and as a mark of respect for the former councillor the Committee stood in silence for one minute.

161. Minutes

The re-circulated minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2010 were confirmed as a correct record.

162. 102186 and 102187 Dolphin House, 126 Hythe Hill, Colchester, CO1 2NP

The Committee considered planning application 102186 for the conversion of the dwelling into two dwellings, and the companion listed building application 102187. The Committee had before it a report in which all information was set out.

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY) that -

- (a) Planning application 102186 be approved with conditions and informatives as set out in the report.
- (b) Listed Building application 102187 be approved with conditions and informatives as set out in the report.

163. 102285 and 102286 2 Forge Cottages, Chappel Road, Great Tey, CO6 1JN

The Committee considered planning application 102285 for a single storey rear extension, and the companion listed building application 102286. The Committee had before it a report in which all information was set out.

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY) that -

- (a) Planning application 102285 be approved with conditions and informatives as set out in the report.
- (b) Listed Building application 102286 be approved with conditions and informatives as set out in the report.

Councillor Bill Frame (in respect of being acquainted with a director of the parent company of the applicant) declared a personal interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(3)

Councillor Ray Gamble (in respect of being acquainted with a member of a group which had submitted comments on the application and who was also a fellow director of an organisation) declared a personal interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(3)

164. 102443 Westwood Home Farm Cottages, London Road, Great Horkesley

The Committee considered an application for a variation of Condition 15 of planning permission 101240, to the effect that the windows shall be constructed of material and colour to be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development and retained as such. The Committee had before it a report in which all information was set out, see also Amendment Sheet.

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY) that the application be without conditions.

165. 101128 Mill Race, New Road, Aldham, CO6 3QT

This application was withdrawn from consideration at this meeting by the Head of Environmental and Protective Services to await receipt of further information from the agent.

Councillor Ray Gamble (in respect of being acquainted with someone who is associated with the parent company of the applicant company) declared a personal interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(3)

Councillor Bill Frame (in respect of being acquainted with two directors of the parent company of the applicant company) declared a personal interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(3)

166. 101695 Global Stone, Church Lane, Little Tey, CO6 1HX

The Committee considered an application for an extension of the storage area. The Committee had before it a report in which all information was set out.

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY) that the application be approved with conditions and informatives as set out in the report.

Councillor Theresa Higgins (in respect of having an acquaintance with an objector) declared a personal interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(3)

Councillor Ray Gamble (in respect of his children having attended the school and his involvement in an environmental project which occasionally meets at the school) declared a personal interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(3)

167. 102122 Friars Grove Junior and Infant School, Upland Drive, Colchester, CO4 0PZ

The Committee considered an application for the construction of a proposed single storey extension to connect the existing infant and junior schools; associated internal remodelling and re-cladding of the existing junior building; and associated external works and fencing including the erection of a single masted canopy. The Committee had before it a report in which all information was set out, see also Amendment Sheet.

Sue Jackson, Principal Planning Officer, attended to assist the Committee in its deliberations.

Members of the Committee were concerned about the impact of the proposal on three residential properties. It appeared that an earlier application made to Essex County Council included the erection of a fence along part of the southern boundary which had not yet been implemented, and it was requested that a fence along the southern boundary be required as part of this application to protect the amenity of the residential properties.

It was explained that it may be intended to erect a fence along part of the southern boundary and that it would be possible to add a condition to require the fence to be continued along the length of the southern boundary.

RESOLVED (UNANIMOUSLY) that the application be approved with conditions and informatives as set out in the report with an additional condition 12:-

Prior to the commencement of development an acoustic fence to be erected to south boundary to protect residential amenity. Details to be submitted and agreed with Local Planning Authority.

Note to Applicant: The fence required under ECC application 100782 may satisfy in part condition 12.