

HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** held on
10 SEPTEMBER 2012

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Joyce Angell
Vice-Chair: Councillor Ve Amos

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

As per Council Meeting

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 9 July and 7 August 2012, be received as a true record and that they be signed by the Chair.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There were none.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- (a) To formally note that the participation of those Councillors who were also Members of the County Council, in both the debate and subsequent vote, was on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information made available to the Community Council. The County Councillors reserved their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all relevant arguments for and against.
- (b) That the County Planning Authority be advised that this Council's observations on the applications submitted to it for consideration were as per the attached schedule

PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the planning application decisions be noted.

MEMBERS' INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councillor Judith Hough referred to a comment made at an earlier meeting of the Planning Committee which suggested that the views of the Community Council were basically ignored by the County Planning Department. She said that she was concerned by this and suggested that a senior representative of the Planning Department should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Community Council to discuss this.

Councillor Halford said that if a Planning Officer had his/her mind set on a particular application he/she usually got their way. Councillor Clive Carver commented that there appeared to be a situation where Planning Guidance could be used positively or negatively dependant upon how an Officer or indeed an Inspector decided to interpret it.

The Clerk said that despite the comments made it was important that the Community Council should continue to put forward its views on applications based on the best interests of the residents and the Community.