HAWARDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on
12 OCTOBER 2009

PRESENT: Chair: Councillor Ralph Small
Vice-Chair: Councillor Helen Yale

Councillors: As per Council Meeting

Officers: R N Barnes, Clerk & Financial Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Edwards, Alison Halford, David Hough, Judith Hough, and Kevin Jones.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest made by Members

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14 September 2009 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.

(c) To note receipt of the appeals.
PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS:

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

FLINTSHIRE UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Chair referred Members to a report which had been circulated with the agenda which advised that following the consideration of the Inspector’s report Flintshire County Council had now made a decision regarding its recommendations. The County Council was therefore required to publish its statement of decisions and proposed modifications to the deposit UDP for public consultation and required the Council’s views by 2 November 2009.

The Chair took Members through the modifications listed in the report and sought the Committee’s views. The Committee agreed to accept Flintshire County council’s listed modifications except those relating to:

- Overlea Drive, Hawarden – The allocation of land to the south of Overlea Drive for housing.
- Ash Lane, Mancot – The allocation of land for housing.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Flintshire County Council be advised that the Community Council objected to the proposed modifications in respect of Overlea Drive, Hawarden and Ash Lane, Mancot on the following grounds:

(a) Overlea Drive, Hawarden – This land whilst included in the settlement area had not originally been designated for housing purposes and it would impact on community facilities including schools and health services and furthermore would exacerbate the existing problem with drainage in that area.

(b) Ash Lane, Mancot:

- The proposal would lead to development beyond Mancot’s target growth band of 8-15%
- The loss of village amenities including playing field, play area and bowling green.
- The land in question was liable to flooding and was previously the site of mining activity.
- Impact on health and school facilities.
- It would result in a coalescence of the Hawarden and Mancot settlements.

MEMBERS’ INFORMATION ITEMS:

There were none.