

BARWELL PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE, 10 HIGH STREET, BARWELL

Present: Cllr's Mr B Granger (Chairman), Mrs C Green, Mr R Roberts,
Mr J Buck, Mrs A Jones and Mr A Baines

Deputy Clerk: Mrs S Williams
Co-opted member – Mr D Peace

60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

61. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS OF
DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None

62. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

63. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the
19 DECEMBER 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman. The typo (57)
Grange has been amended to Granger

64. PLANNING APPLICATIONS GRANTED, REFUSED OR WITHDRAWN

The following applications have been permitted by HBBC

Change of use to gym (D2 use) – BT Motor Services Unit, 1 Dawsons Lane,
Barwell has been refused by HBBC

Single storey garage extension to side of dwelling at 40A Kingsfield Road,
Barwell has been withdrawn

65. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED that the following comments are sent to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council –

a. 16/01108/CONDIT

The Paddock, Brockley Farm, Kirkby Road, Barwell
Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission for the addition of two windows (Retrospective)

Councillor Roberts abstained from voting due to his position on HBBC

NO OBJECTIONS RAISED

b. 16/00113/COU

Land Adjacent Hissar House Farm, Leicester Road, Hinckley
Appeal Ref: APP/K2420/W/15/3157918
Appeal to Secretary of State
Change of use of land for gypsy/traveller site for the provision of two static caravans, one touring caravan, erection of two amenity buildings and associated infrastructure

Councillor Roberts abstained from voting due to his position on HBBC

OBJECTIONS RAISED

Outside the settlement boundary would also need a change of use from Agricultural land

High intensity traffic area

Local schools and doctors already over subscribed

Barwell Parish already meets the criteria relating to Gypsy and Travellers on the Area Action Plan 5.22

Question whether an Environmental Impact Assessment has been completed with particular regard to wildlife and endangered newts

Parish fully supports the contents of Nic Thomas' letters

Concerns regarding the diverting of public footpaths, water courses and ditches within the Parish

Does not have adequate screening of the site

Barwell Parish Council agree with the refusal of a planning application for the siting of the appellant's static caravan in its existing position on a 0.53ha paddock. This paddock is within the appeal site, at the frontage to Flashley Carr Lane. The 'site edged red' on the application plans was restricted to this paddock and the only use proposed was residential.

Barwell Parish Council agree with Policy C which suggests that gypsy sites may be located in rural or semi-rural areas, provided that they are of a scale appropriate to their specific location. This is reiterated in paragraph 25 of Policy H. Paragraph 24 of Policy H sets out issues which should be considered in the determination of planning applications for gypsy sites. Policy H states that local planning authorities should very strictly limit new traveller site development in open countryside that is away from existing settlements or outside areas allocated in the development plan

Barwell Parish Council dispute the fact that the Aston Firs Caravan Site at Sapcote, in Blaby District, is the closest public gypsy site to Hinckley. There is a small site already in Barwell and a larger site in Earl Shilton therefore meeting the local Gypsy and Traveller allocation.

Barwell Parish Council disputes the claim that The Council clearly cannot demonstrate a five-year supply of deliverable land for gypsy sites, and it is likely to be a further 2 years before sites will become available through the development plan process. The absence of alternative sites available to the appellant, the failure of the development plan to address the unmet need, and the absence of a five-year supply, are both matters which carry weight in favour of the appeal proposals.

66. UPDATE ON CURRENT ISSUES

East Green Footpath DMMO – Ongoing Councillors Granger and Jones to visit and will report back at next meeting

67. SECTION 106 & OPEN SPACES

Available funding from Section 106 to be discussed at next meeting

68. JUBILEE HALL

No additional information received from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council. Councillor Buck briefly spoke to Councillor Richards and will schedule another meeting with her on her return from abroad

(The meeting closed at 8.17pm)

Chairman's Signature.....