

LITTLE ABINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on
Monday 15 December 2014 at 6.30 in the Abington Institute, Great Abington.**

Present. Mr Pritchard (Chair), Mr Chesham, Mr Ellis, Mr Wigley, Mrs Dalton (Clerk).

In attendance Cllr Orgee, four members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mr Brunning, Mrs Gunning

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Four members of the public and attended to discuss application *S/2713/14/FL Change of use from agricultural to school playing fields with new access and parking area and associated boundary fences. Bourn Bridge Road.*

Key points:

- A letter of objection has been sent to SCDC. The key concerns were parking provision and siting of the car park
- It was felt that provision of 75 cycle spaces was excessive as it was unlikely that many students would be able to cycle from the Perse School to Abington.
- It was proposed that the car parking should be moved closer to the Cambridge International school
- There should be more provision for coach parking. There were concerns about the hazards of coaches parking in the road or in the space outside Bourne Bridge cottages if parking provision was not adequate for large events.
- The siting of footpath was queried.
- Concerned about the excessive speed of some vehicles using Newmarket Road at present. This would be a hazard for school age children and pedestrians.
- The siting of the proposed pavilion was queried.
- Queries about lighting for the car park.
- Provision for storage for machinery needs to be considered

Mr Hayden-Smith, a school governor, was able to provide some assurances:

- At present there are no plans for floodlighting on the site
- Big fixtures would continue to be held on playing fields at the main school site
- Cycle access - it was felt that students would use the new cycleways especially those who live South of Cambridge
- The location of the car park and the car park entrance was based on advice from Highways Division
- There is no expectation of any need for lighting in the car park; certainly not floodlighting.
- The parking provision is based on current needs. The school is considering the possibility of using additional parking facilities at Granta Park. It was noted that the Cambridge International School is using the Comfort Cafe car park
- At present there is no intention to hire the playing field out for other schools. There will be some collaboration between the Perse school and the Cambridge International School.

All members are public left the meeting.

2. **Declaration of Interests.** None

3. S/2713/14/FL: Change of use from agricultural to school playing fields with new access and parking area and associated boundary fences. Bourn Bridge Road

Discussion points building on the points raised in public participation

- Car parking was considered adequate.
- There was some assurance that there would be no floodlighting
- Events would be small. It was noted there was no provision of the catering
- Practical considerations about access. Noted that professional advice had been taken
- Road safety- this may increase the strength of requests for reducing the speed limit on the road. If students are going to cycle then there would be some hazard crossing Newmarket Road from the cycleway
- Prohibition of parking on Newmarket Road would need to be enforced

Decision

Recommend approval but the following comments:

The Parish Council noted objections from residents at Bourne Bridge Cottages primarily because of concerns about floodlighting to the playing fields and lighting for the car park. The Parish Council was assured that there are no proposals floodlighting at present at any car park lighting would be minimal.

4. S/2730/14/FL: Proposed front entrance canopy. 21 Bourn Bridge Road.

Recommend approval without any comments.

5. S/2390/13/FL Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Appeal against decision to refuse planning permission. Riverside Stables, Bourn Bridge Road, Little Abington. Change of use of land and mobile caravan from storage to residential.

The appeal was noted. The grounds for the parish council's previous objections are unchanged. It was noted that there has been some further development on the site (see picture in appendix). The Clerk would write to the Planning Inspector to confirm the parish council's objections and to draw the recent development to their attention.

6. Any other Business

The planning application for the portakabins at the Cambridge International School has been agreed. There are still complaints about inconsiderate parking. It was hoped that the County Council will take some effective action and a meeting was proposed.

Meeting closed at 7.15