

**Minutes of a meeting of the Ashwell Parish Council Planning Committee held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Councillors Mark White (Chairman), Graham Lee, Madeleine Legg, Bridget Macey, David Short.

The Clerk (Jane Porter) and the Deputy Clerk (Laura Brooks-Payne) were also in attendance.

**Part A**

1. Apologies: Cllrs Martin Hoffman (other commitment), David Sims (other commitment).

2. Minutes of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.

It was **resolved** that these be approved and signed.

**Clerk**

3. Declarations of interest. Item 04, Cllr Graham Lee reported that he was a resident of Ashwell Street.

**Part B**

**On site considerations and proposals for recommendations to the NHDC Planning Officer**

**Item 04**

NHDC Case Ref No: 18/01403/FPH. 55 Ashwell Street.

Full permission householder: First floor side extension.

Members of the public present: None.

It was **resolved** that, as there were no objections, a recommendation be made to the NHDC Planning Officer that permission be **granted** (unanimous).

**Clerk**

**Item 05**

NHDC Case Ref No: 18/01493/FPH and 18/01494/LBC. 50 Gardiners Lane.

Full permission householder: Single storey rear extension and associated ancillary works.

Listed Building Consent: Single storey rear extension and associated ancillary works.

Members of the public present: Applicants.

Standing orders were suspended for the applicant to explain the proposals.

The applicant stated that they had approached NHDC for pre-application advice from the conservation officer. However, as there was a waiting list of many months for this, they had subsequently been advised to go ahead with a planning and listed building application. They had been reluctant to pay for detailed plans from their architect until they had agreement in principle from NHDC so the application plans that they had submitted were limited in some details. Their objective was to provide additional space to enhance the property for their family and to address the issue of the inadequacy of the current fire escape route from the upper floor.

During discussion parish councillors expressed the following:

- Concern that more detail was not given, eg the materials to be used for the roof,
- Concern that flat roofs were contrary to the *Ashwell Village Design Statement*,
- A view that a precedent for modern extensions with flat roofs existed and worked well, eg the recent development at Bear House.
- A view that the proposals as stated, ie 'a simple structure with glazing front and back to maintain visual separation', would not detract from the existing building.

A proposal was made by Cllr David Short that, (i) as there was insufficient detail the Parish Council could not make a firm recommendation to the planning officer as to whether permission should be granted or not, (ii) in principle the Parish Council had no objections to the plans as outlined.

It was **resolved** that the proposal made by Cllr David Short (see above) be accepted.

**Clerk**