

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Planning Committee held at 2.00 pm on Thursday, 18
January 2018

Present:

Members: Councillor P Seaman (Chair)
Councillor N Akhtar
Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor R Auluck
Councillor R Bailey
Councillor S Bains
Councillor L Bigham
Councillor G Crookes
Councillor K Mulhall
Councillor D Skinner

Other Members: Councillor Blundell

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: L Albrighton, O Aremu, C Horton, C Sinclair, C Whitehouse

Apologies: Councillor J McNicholas and C Miks

Public Business

92. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

93. Members Declarations of Contact on Planning Applications

The Members named declared contact on the following applications as indicated:

Application No.	Councillor	From
HH/2017/2360 – 8 Fletchamstead Highway	Councillor Crookes	Objectors
FUL/2017/2349 – Coombe Abbey Pub, 41 Craven Street	Councillor Bailey	Objectors

94. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 December 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2017 were signed as a true record.

95. Late Representations

The Committee noted a tabled report which summarised late representations and responses on the following:

Application No.	Site	Minute No.
HH/2017/2360	9 Fletchamstead Highway	97
FUL/2017/2349	Coombe Abbey Pub, 41 Craven Street	98

96. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

97. **Application HH/2017/2360 - 9 Fletchamstead Highway**

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regulation detailing the above application for retention of first floor rear extension with juliet balcony and first floor side extension. The application was recommended for approval.

Councillor Blundell, a Wainbody Ward Councillor, attended the meeting and spoke in respect of his objection to the application. The applicant also attended the meeting and spoke in support of the application.

RESOLVED that planning permission be granted in respect of Application HH/2017/2360 subject to conditions.

98. **Application FUL/2017/2349 - Coombe Abbey Pub, 41 Craven Street**

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regulation detailing the above application for the extension and conversion to 14 bed house in multiple occupation. The application was recommended for approval.

The Late Representation document indicated that, prior to occupation of the accommodation, a waste management plan was required to be submitted and approved in writing by the local planning authority.

Two registered speakers attended the meeting and spoke in respect of their objections to the application. The applicant's representative also attended the meeting and spoke in support of the application.

RESOLVED that planning permission be granted in respect of Application FUL/2017/2349 subject to conditions.

99. **Application AD/2017/2803 - 84 Dawlish Drive**

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning and Regulation detailing the above application for non-material amendment (changing colour of extraction flue) to permission FUL/2015/3518 for shopfront and extraction flue housing. The application was recommended for approval.

RESOLVED that a non material amendment be granted in respect of Application AD/2017/2803 subject to conditions.

100. **Planning Application Fees**

The Committee noted a report of the Head of Planning and Regulation which provided an update on government planning fee increases. A report on this would also be presented to the Cabinet Member for information.

Planning application fees were set nationally and the Government last increased the fees in 2012.

Following the issue of White Paper: 'Fixing our broken housing market' the council received a letter from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) in February 2017 offering to increase fees by 20%. The letter requested a response from the council to confirm by the 14th March 2017 that it will invest the additional income in the planning service for the life of the current parliament.

The increase was the Government response to developers consistently telling them of the lack of capacity and capability in planning departments which was restricting their ability to get on site and build. Alongside funding, local authorities were reporting to them the difficulties in recruiting and retaining planners and others with specialist skills.

The Council responded to the consultation within the specified time and confirmed the investment.

Regulations to introduce the 20% increase in planning fees were made on 20 December 2017, which meant that local planning authorities would be able to start applying the fee increase from 17th January 2018.

101. **Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved**

There were no other items of business.

(Meeting closed at 3.30 pm)