



Planning Committee Minutes Tuesday 28th May 2024, 18:30 Village Hall (small hall), Plumpton

Minutes of the Planning Meeting of Plumpton Parish Council held on Tuesday 28th May at 18.30 at the Village Hall, Plumpton.

In attendance: Cllr Nick Beaumont (Cllr NB), Cllr Nick Satchell (Cllr NS), Cllr Paul Burford (Cllr PB), Cllr Joe Morecroft (Cllr JM) and Cllr N Shefras (Cllr NDS) and Anita Emery Clerk to Council

Also in attendance; Anita Emery, Clerk and RFO.

MOP's 3 plus Craig Staddon Chief Executive of Plumpton Racecourse and their planning consultant.

The AGENDA is as follows:

1. To accept apologies for absence
 - Cllr Jim Brown (Cllr JB) and Cllr Graham Peacock (Cllr GP) tendered their apologies and reasons for absence accepted.
2. Declaration of pecuniary and disclosable interests in respect of matters to be discussed.
 - None
3. To review Planning Applications as follows;

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Plumpton Racecourse, Ashurst Lane, Plumpton BN7 3AL

- Outline application with all matters reserved except access for the erection of 9 dwelling houses

Plumpton Parish Council (PPC) supports this application following a vote of 3 support and 2 abstain and requests the planning officer note the following comments .

- This site was not included in the Neighbourhood Plan and we would rather this application was part of planned development. PPC are disappointed that the number of units is deliberately set at a level that does not require any affordable housing.
- Plumpton parish does at least have the 'benefit' of significantly more development than intended, so affordable housing will result from other developments when they are commercially viable.
- PPC recognises that changes in the NPPF gives our Neighbourhood Plan and indeed Lewes Local Plan less weight. The site is regarded as generally sustainable and ultimately suited to modest development if absolutely necessary.



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- PPC requests LDC consider as a planning condition that no further housing development can take place on Racecourse land. PPC would not support further residential development outside of the site margin in this application.
- PPC is aware that the Racecourse does not own the land forming the complete access route from the proposed site to Plumpton Lane. PPC requests that LDC ensures the Racecourse has the full permission and co-operation of the two other landowners controlling the access route.
- Racecourse management stated that they would not be selling land for further development.
- PPC understands from the Racecourse management that regulatory pressures require large spend to improve the Stables and Jockeys weighing room. Without these mandated improvements racing would not be permitted.
- The Racecourse management were very clear that selling land for development was the only real finance option on the table and they were unable to tell us the implications if this application was refused and the subsequent cash injection did not materialise.
- PPC understands the commercial pressures the racecourse is under, and equally recognises its importance to the community. PPC wants to support the Racecourse and wishes to see racing continue at Plumpton for the foreseeable future.

Decision: 3 support, 2 abstain – move to support the application. **Clerk to action.**

4. To note approved/refused applications from local authority

- Nothing to note.

Meeting closed: 19.10

Dates of Next Meetings:

4th June 2024 VH Committee – 19:00

11th June 2024 Finance Committee – 19:00 followed by Full Council at 19:45

27th June 2024 – Playing Field Committee – 19:30 at the Village Hall

Anita Emery | Parish Clerk | 30th May 2024