

GOOLE TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on 8th April, 2021 commencing at 7.00pm Via Zoom

PRESENT: Councillors Turner (In the Chair), Bailey, Boatman, Bottomley, Flynn, Harrison, B Jeffreys, D Jeffreys, Moiser, Moore, Penn and Raspin.

OFFICERS: Mr Brian Robertson (Town Clerk)
Ms Stacey Norfolk (Responsible Finance Officer)
Mrs Carol Brophy (Administration Assistant)

PL1735 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marshall, Vause, Walker and Whitehead.

The Chair (Councillor Turner) reminded the public that under standing order 3e members of the public may make representations and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of business on the agenda at Planning, a time limit of 5 minutes per person will be allowed and public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Mrs Gemma Smith of 47, Ilkeston Avenue, Goole wished to speak on Agenda item **PL1738**.

PL1736 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND THEIR NATURE**

Councillor Boatman declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning item code no. 00772. The applicant is an ex neighbour and his wife was a work colleague for many years.

Councillor Turner declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning item code no. 00602. The applicant carried out some work for him.

PL1737 **PLANNING SCHEDULE**

It was **RESOLVED** that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council be advised of the Town Council's comments in respect of the following applications: -

Code No.

00602	Mr Lee Rowan Construction of dormer windows to front and rear 126, Jackson Street, Goole FULL PLANNING PERMISSION	NO COMMENTS
00530	Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust Replacement of existing coal boilers with a gas fuelled CHP unit and back up gas and dual fuel boilers within existing plant room/enclosure including installation of new doors and louvres, ancillary equipment and erection of a 16m high flue following removal of existing chimney Goole and District Hospital, Woodland Avenue, Goole FULL PLANNING PERMISSION	WELCOMED
00763	Mrs Christine Kittridge Erection of a rear single storey extension and rear and side first floor extension 5 Wentworth Drive, Goole FULL PLANNING PERMISSION	NO COMMENTS

00772 Mr Danny Warcup
Erection of a single storey extension to front and side
52, Northway, Goole
FULL PLANNING PERMISSION

NO COMMENTS

2. Planning Appeals

00001 Mr Carl Bruce
Erection of two storey extension to side and single
storey extension to rear
76, Western Road, Goole
HOUSEHOLDER, ADVERTISEMENT AND
MINOR COMMERCIAL

DISMISSED

00016 Metro C21 Stores Limited
Erection of single storey extension to rear
64, Marshfield Road, Goole
WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS

PL1738 ALAN WORTHING, DIRECTOR OF KCOM AND CHIEF ENGINEER TO ADDRESS COUNCILLORS REGARDING THE REINSTATEMENT WORKS TO FOOTPATHS BEING CARRIED OUT IN GOOLE

Alan Worthing thanked Members for inviting himself and his colleagues to the Meeting saying that KCOM tries to work closely with Town and Parish Councils as part of the build programme. He told Members that he is Director with the Sales & Engagement Team. Lawrie Mayfield introduced himself as the Engineering Programme Manager responsible for day to day programming for KCOM and Lightsource, the main contractor. Chris Akrell introduced himself as the Engineering Manager responsible for the teams that install after the build, he is also representing Lee Allison the Head of Engineering who is currently on leave.

Councillor Turner informed KCOM representatives that he has a list of complaints to bring to their attention many sent from residents to Councillors.

Mr Worthing informed Members that they would provide as many answers as possible and follow up with a formal response in writing.

Councillor Turner began by saying that all residents received a letter in November 2020 stating that all reinstatement work would be carried out to a high standard with areas being left as initially found or better than before. One of the main concerns is the mixing and matching of paving slabs and tarmac and reinstating broken slabs. In addition to looking very unsightly, this can cause a trip hazard. He said that East Riding need to ensure re-instatement by the Contractor as taxpayers should not have to pay for damage caused.

Mr Mayfield answered that representatives from KCOM recently completed a walk around along with some Councillors and East Riding Highways. Some issues have since been rectified and Lightsource is still working on a snagging list. He did say however that replacement with tarmac is now the standard process.

Councillor Moore informed KCOM that this conflicts with the promise made to leave areas the same or better. He said that paving slabs should be replaced with new slabs and turf should be re-laid on grass verges.

Mr Worthing informed Councillors that he would take the matter up with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Another issue raised was the lack of welfare facilities for operatives which is a concern to many residents. There have been reports of operatives urinating against their works vans or round the back of fences.

Mr Mayfield informed Members that under Construction Design Management, welfare facilities have to be provided.

Mr Worthing agreed stating that he would check on the volume and quantity of facilities. He asked for any evidence of misconduct to be sent to him so that it could be dealt with.

Another issue causing distress to residents is that walls have been knocked down and not repaired/replaced since October 2020.

Gemma Smith of 47, Ilkeston Avenue, Goole informed Members that her wall was knocked over in October last Year. The supervisor from Naylor's raised his voice and argued with Ms Smith. She said his behaviour was disgusting. She was told that they would only repair the broken bit on a 2 metre wall. The issue has only recently been resolved. There has been no feedback from KCOM.

Mr Worthing apologised to Ms Smith on behalf of KCOM. He asked her to forward him the details and he would look into the matter.

Mr Mayfield asked for details of any other damaged walls to be sent to him.

Other issues included operatives using still saws without water suppression, blocking residents' drives, using bad language when residents and children are walking by, numerous cable strikes resulting in elderly and vulnerable people being left without the emergency lifelines being connected for 3-4 days and footpaths being cordoned off on both sides of the road resulting in school children having to walk on the busy roads.

Many complaints have been lodged with no response for months.

Mr Worthing informed members that every complaint is logged and gets resolved. He asked for a list of any complaints to be sent to him stating that he would ensure that they are registered and agreement is reached with the resident.

Councillor B Jeffreys stated that it appears that KCOM are losing control over their contractors with not enough supervision in place.

Mr Mayfield informed Members that as part of the Health, Safety, Environmental and Quality (HSEQ) inspections, regular competency checks are carried out. Inspections are also carried out by Lightsource as the principal Contractor, and by KCOM.

Mr Mayfield informed Members that many repairs are temporary and will be returned to their previous state. The snagging list is still being worked through. Any carriageway repairs have to be rectified and will be picked up by ERYC.

Mr Worthing informed Members that a 'walk off' has been arranged in other areas. He said that they are happy to arrange one in Goole with Councillors.

It was agreed that along with Ward Councillors, Councillor Turner be a point of contact with KCOM.

Mr Worthing thanked Councillors for the opportunity to work with the Council. He said that they are happy to attend regular update meetings. He also suggested that a monthly complaints review could be set up.

The Chair, Councillor Turner thanked KCOM representatives for attending the Meeting.

The Planning Committee meeting concluded at 8.19pm

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