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Minutes of the **MEETING of the PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP on Tuesday, 19th September, 2023 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor N Begy (Chair)	Councillor A Brown (Vice-Chair)
Councillor G Clifton	Councillor K Corby
Councillor S McRobb	Councillor K Payne
Councillor R Payne	Councillor T Smith
Councillor A West	Councillor D Wilby
Councillor C Wise	Councillor H Zollinger-Ball

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Justin Johnson	Development Manager
Nicholas Thrower	Principal Planning Officer
Joe Mitson	Planning Officer
Robyn Green	Highways Engineer
David Ebbage	Democratic Services Officer
Kylie Wesson	Planning Solicitor

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor R Powell	Ward Member
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1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

No apologies were received.

2 MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meetings held on 8th August and 22nd August 2023.

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of the meeting on the 8th August and 22nd August 2023 be **APPROVED**.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor H Zollinger-Ball declared a personal interest in item 5e, Planning Applications, application 2023/0724/FUL as he was the agent, therefore, he would leave the meeting at that point.

4 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

In accordance with the Planning and Licensing Committee Public Speaking Scheme, the following deputations were received on item 5, Planning Applications:

In relation to 2023/0271/FUL, Cynthia Moss spoke as a member of Whissendine Parish Council, Councillor Rosemary Powell spoke as a Ward Member and Matthew Mortonson spoke as the agent.

In relation to 2023/0332/FUL, Carolyn Cartwright spoke as a member of Bisbrooke Parish Meeting and Jon Gibbison spoke as the applicant.

In relation to 2023/0593/FUL, Joyce Lucas spoke as a member of the public supporting the recommendation, Rosemarie Whittaker spoke as a member of the public opposing the recommendation, and Dr Sarah Furness, Lord Lieutenant of Rutland, spoke as the applicant.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Report No.136/2023 was received from the Strategic Director of Places.

The Chairman informed the Committee that planning application 5d, application 2023/0613/FUL, Land to the west of Uppingham Road, Seaton had been deferred to a later meeting.

Item 5a – 2023/0271/FUL – Land To The South Of Stapleford Road, Whissendine, Rutland.

Application for reserved matters consent for the erection of 66 no. dwellings for layout, scale, landscaping and access (other than as already approved as part of outline planning permission) pursuant to outline planning permission 2021/1263/OUT.

(Parish: Whissendine; Ward: Whissendine)

Item 5b – 2023/0332/FUL - 4 no. four bedroom dwellings plus farm access way to retained farm land.

(Parish: Bisbrooke; Ward: Lyddington)

Item 5d – 2023/0593/FUL - Oakham Library, Catmos Street, Oakham.

Erect statue and plinth with associated landscaping works

(Parish: Oakham; Ward: Oakham South)

Item 5e – 2023/0724/FUL - 8 Lyndon Road, North Luffenham, Rutland, LE15 8JZ

Single storey rear extension. Removal of outhouse and existing gazebo.

(Parish: North Luffenham; Ward: Normanton)

5a 2023/0271/RES

Nick Thrower, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the application and gave an executive summary, recommending approval subject to conditions outlined in the report.

Prior to the debate the Committee received deputations from Cynthia Moss who spoke as a member of Whissendine Parish Council, Councillor Rosemary Powell who spoke as a Ward Member and Matthew Mortonson who spoke as the agent. The Committee also had the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers.

Through debate, several concerns were raised by Members around the density of the housing proposed and the loss of biodiversity and habitat within the site. Members were also concerned about the location of the affordable housing within the site but officers confirmed what was proposed was deemed appropriate and in line with policy.

It was moved by Councillor A West and seconded that the application be approved subject to the conditions in the report and an additional condition for details of additional landscaping around the water retention site to enhance biodiversity and amenity.

Upon being put to the vote with five votes in favour, six against and one abstention, the motion was lost.

It was then moved by Councillor R Payne and seconded that the application be deferred and for it to be brought back to a future meeting. The reasons for deferral were:

- The density of the housing proposed within the location.
- Issues around the biodiversity net gain.

This was seconded and upon being put to the vote, with nine votes in favour and three against, that motion was carried.

RESOLVED

- a) That planning application 2023/0271/RES be **DEFERRED** to a future meeting.

5b 2023/0332/FUL

Nick Thrower, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the application and gave an executive summary, recommending approval subject to conditions outlined in the report.

Prior to the debate the Committee received deputations from Carlyne Cartwright who spoke as a member of Bisbrooke Parish Meeting and Jon Gibbison who spoke as the applicant.

It was moved by Councillor K Corby and seconded that the application be approved subject to the conditions in the report. Upon being put to the vote with ten votes in favour, one against and one abstention, the motion was carried.

RESOLVED

- a) That the application 2023/0332/FUL be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions outlined by the Planning Officer.
- b) The full list of reasons can be found on the planning application page of the Council's website

<https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-services/planning-and-building-control/planning/view-planningapplications-and-decisions/>

5d 2023/0593/FUL

Joe Mitson, Planning Officer, introduced the application and gave an executive summary, recommending approval subject to conditions outlined in the report.

Prior to the debate the Committee received deputations from Joyce Lucas who spoke as a member of the public supporting the recommendation, Rosemarie Whittaker who spoke as a member of the public opposing the recommendation, and Dr Sarah Furness, Lord Lieutenant of Rutland, spoke as the applicant.

It was confirmed through questioning with the statue being made from bronze material, maintenance funds would not be needed to maintain the statue.

It was moved by Councillor A Brown and seconded that the application be approved subject to the conditions in the report. Upon being put to the vote with eleven votes in favour and one abstention, the motion was carried.

RESOLVED

- a) That the application 2023/0593/FUL be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions outlined by the Planning Officer.
- b) The full list of reasons can be found on the planning application page of the Council's website

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At 9.15pm Councillor Zollinger-Ball left the meeting

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5e 2023/0724/FUL

Justin Johnson, Development Manager, introduced the application and gave an executive summary, recommending approval subject to conditions outlined in the report.

It was moved by Councillor T Smith and seconded that the application be approved subject to the conditions in the report. Upon being put to the vote with twelve votes in favour, the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED

- a) That the application 2023/0724/FUL be **APPROVED** subject to the conditions outlined by the Planning Officer.
- b) The full list of reasons can be found on the planning application page of the Council's website

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6 APPEALS REPORT

Report No.137/2023 was received from the Strategic Director for Places. Justin Johnson, Development Manager, presented the report which listed for Members' information the appeals received since the last ordinary meeting of the Planning & Licensing Committee and summarised the decisions made.

RESOLVED

- a) That the contents of the report be **NOTED**.

7 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair thanked Robyn Green, Highways Engineer, who was leaving the authority for her hard work, professionalism and diligence throughout her time at Rutland and the Committee wished her well for the future.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 24th October 2023.

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.26pm.

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