

# PONTELAND TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

Present: Councillor Mrs S Johnson (in the Chair), Mrs K Woodrow and Mr A Hall

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mr S Ahmed, Mrs K Overbury and Councillor Mr T Edwards-Clay

### 1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of planning applications received since the previous Committee meeting had been circulated

1.1 Application No: 19/01955/FUL, Location: Land West of Dkye House, Medburn NE20 0JD  
Proposal: Erection of a 2.1m high double slatted fence panel and a 207m high close board fence.

**Objection: The Planning Committee object to this application on both matters.**

**The extension of the land being the first as the land required is agricultural land within the greenbelt. The committee is extremely concerned that if approved this will set a precedent in Medburn where developers have taken every advantage of the infill land and once full will attempt to creep onto agricultural land and greenbelt thus causing even more problems for Medburn.**

**The fencing as the second matter. The original application proposed low fences and hedges creating a soft finish to the boundary. The planning committee feels these fences are intrusive, out of keeping with the rest of Medburn and of a mass scale and not in line with the Neighbourhood plan Policy PNP 2: Development will be supported where it demonstrates high quality and inclusive design. All new developments should make a positive contribution to their surroundings. Proposals will be supported where development a) creates a sense of place by protecting and adding to an areas quality, distinctiveness and character.**

**The Planning Committee Strongly objects and would like to see this application refused.**

The Committee made no comments about the other 3 applications considered.

### 2. DECISIONS: APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS; WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

2.1 **DECISION: 19/04130/FUL, 176a Middle Drive, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NE20 9DU. Proposed front and rear modern style dormer windows; porch at front; detached double garage; gate at entrance and internal alterations.**

Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Committee had made no comment about this application.

2.2 **DECISION: 19/01656/FUL, 4 Whinfell Road, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NE20 9EP. Proposed Construction of two, 2 storey side extensions with two Juliet balconies to rear and new entrance gates.**

Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Committee had made no comment about this application.

2.3 **DECISION: 19/01568/FUL, 53 Thornhill Road, Ponteland, NE20 9QB. Proposed entrance porch to front of house.**

Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Committee had made no comment about this application.

**2.4 DECISION: 19/01474/FUL, 132 Darras Road, Darras Hall, Ponteland, NE20 9PG. Proposed conversion of bungalow into double story bungalow with a sloping roof.**  
Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Committee had made a comment about this application.

**2.5 DECISION: 19/01532/FUL, 121 Darras Road, Darras Road, Ponteland, NE20 9PQ. Proposed first floor rear extension, above existing footprint, to create a symmetrical rear elevation.**  
Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Committee had made no comment about this application.

**2.6 DECISION: 18/04317/FUL, Birney Wood, Stamfordham Road, Ponteland, NE15 9RB. Proposed demolition of existing building and garage – erection of a new 5 bed dwelling with triple garage and gym with works to external finishes.**  
Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Committee had made no comment about this application.

**2.7 DECISION: 18/02939/OUT, Land North of Orchard House, Medburn Ponteland, NE20 0JD. Proposed Outline permission for housing development of 8 detached houses and garages (all matters reserved).**  
Permission **granted** under delegated powers on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Committee had made an objection about this application.

### **3.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 19/01525/ADE - former HSBC Ponteland advertisement consent**

An email had arrived from the Planning enforcement officer regarding the illuminated signage for the old HSBC bank on Main Street. It was agreed that the objection stand for this application as per the PNP policy 7 and the applicant withdrew the illumination part of the signage.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019**