

Minutes of	Planning Committee
Meeting date	Tuesday, 7 December 2021
Committee Members present:	Councillor June Molyneaux (Chair), Councillor Alex Hilton (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Martin Boardman, Magda Cullens, Karen Derbyshire, Gordon France, Danny Gee, Tom Gray, Harold Heaton, Alistair Morwood, James Nevett and Alan Whittaker
Committee Members present virtually (non-voting):	Councillor Keith Iddon
Officers:	Adele Hayes (Service Lead - Planning), Iain Crossland (Principal Planning Officer), Tasneem Safdar (Shared Legal Services Team Leader) and Matthew Pawlyszyn (Democratic and Member Services Officer)
Apologies:	Councillors Aaron Beaver and Peter Gabbott

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Resolved: Minutes were approved (11:0:1) as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

21.P.140 Declarations of Any Interests

Councillor Hilton declared an interest in application 3a 19/00251/FUL - Land To The Rear of 13-16 Spinners Close, Coppull citing that he lives in close proximity to the site in addition to ongoing case work in the area.

21.P.141 Planning applications to be determined

The Director of Planning and Development submitted eight items for consideration. In considering the applications, Members of the Planning Committee took into account the agenda reports, the addendum and the verbal representations and submissions provided by Officers and individuals.

21.P.142 19/00251/FUL - Land To The Rear of 13-16 Spinners Close, Coppull

Public Speaker: Councillor Steve Holgate (Ward Councillor)

Councillor Alex Hilton declared an interest on this item and subsequently left the meeting at 20:12.

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Alistair Morwood, seconded by Councillor Gordon France that the application be refused.

A further proposal was proposed by Councillor Martin Boardman, seconded by Councillor Harold Heaton that the application be approved.

Upon being put to a vote, it was **resolved (7:4:0) that the application was refused** for the following reason:

1) The proposed development would result in the partial loss of an area of public open space as designated by policy HW2 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012 -2026 and would worsen an existing deficit of natural/semi-natural greenspace in Coppull, whilst the development would be harmful to the visual amenity provided by the site, which would be detrimental to the character of the area contrary to policy HW2 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012 - 2026.

2) The proposed development would result in the loss of trees and woodland, which make a valuable contribution to the character of the landscape and setting of the mill pond, and is not outweighed by the benefits of the development, contrary to policy BNE10 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012 - 2026.

3) The proposed development would result in the loss of part of a biological heritage site and connectivity across the site contrary to policy BNE9 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012 - 2026.

21.P.143 21/00361/FUL - The Village Hall, 47 Chapel Lane, Coppull, Chorley

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Harold Heaton, seconded by Councillor Martin Boardman, and subsequently **resolved (11:0:1) that the application be approved subject to conditions.**

21.P.144 21/00419/FUL - Land adjacent to Harbour Barn, Harbour Lane, Wheelton

Registered Speakers: Councillor Margaret France (Ward Councillor) and Michael Moore (Applicant).

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Martin Boardman, seconded by Councillor Alex Hilton and **resolved (7:3:2) that planning permission was refused for the following reason:**

The development is inappropriate development in the Green Belt, which is harmful by definition. It fails to preserve the openness of the Green Belt and conflicts with the third purpose of the Green Belt due to encroachment into the countryside. Substantial weight is attached to this harm. No 'very special circumstances' have been put forward by the applicant, nor have any been identified by the Local Planning Authority to outweigh this harm. The proposal is, therefore, considered contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework at Chapter 13.

21.P.145 21/00545/CLEUD - Land adjacent to Wigan Lodge, Wigan Lane, Chorley

Registered speakers: Councillor Alistair Bradley (Ward Councillor) and David Balbi (Applicant)

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Harold Heaton, seconded by Councillor James Nevett and **resolved (unanimously) that the application for a certificate of lawfulness for an existing use was refused for the following reason:**

The information contained within the application is not sufficiently precise and unambiguous. Chorley Council as the Local Planning Authority is not satisfied that, on the balance of probabilities, a material change of use of the land (as shown on the submitted Location Plan) has not occurred. The use as described is not, therefore, proven to be lawful within the meaning of Section 191 of the Town and County Planning Act 1990.

21.P.146 21/01171/FUL - Land South Of Red Bank Scout Hut, Little Carr Lane, Chorley

Registered speaker: Laura Daniels (objector)

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Harold Heaton, seconded by Councillor Martin Boardman and resolved (9:1:2) that the decision was deferred to allow Members of the Planning Committee the opportunity to visit the site of the proposal.

1 21/00745/FULMAJ - Alison Arms, 279 Preston Road, Coppull, Chorley, PR7 5DU

Public speaker: David Greenwood (Objector)

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Martin Boardman, seconded by Councillor Danny Gee, and subsequently **resolved (7:5:0) that planning permission was refused for the following reason:**

1) The level of car parking retained for The Alison Arms Public House is below the figure required for the size of the Public House as set out within Policy ST4 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012-2021. There are no public car parks in the area and any overspill of parking from the Public House car park onto A49 Preston Road would be detrimental to highway safety. The proposed development is, therefore, contrary to Policy BNE1 and Policy ST4 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012-2021.

2) The location of proposed parking arrangement immediately off Glover Road would displace existing on-street parking and would result in vehicles reversing onto the highway in close proximity to the junction of the A49 Preston Road. This would prejudice highway safety and the proposed development is, therefore, contrary to Policy BNE1 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012-2021.

21.P.147 21/00954/OUT - Roecroft Farmhouse, Ulnes Walton Lane, Ulnes Walton, Leyland, PR26 8LT

This application was withdrawn by the applicant.

21.P.148 21/01017/FUL - Blainscough Works, Blainscough Lane, Coppull, Chorley, PR7 5HT

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Alex Hilton, seconded by Councillor Danny Gee and subsequently **resolved (unanimously) that planning permission was granted, subject to conditions.**

21.P.149 21/01104/FUL - Mediterranean At Robin Hood, Blue Stone Lane, Mawdesley

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

21.P.150 21/00839/FUL - Cuerden Valley Park, Shady Lane, Cuerden

Public Speakers: Ann Phelan (Objector), Neville Whitham (Parish Councillor), Councillor Mark Clifford (Ward Councillor) and Joel Turner (Agent)

After careful consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Alex Hilton, seconded by Councillor James Nevett and subsequently **resolved (9:1:2) that planning permission was refused for the following reason:**

1)The proposed development would result in the loss of trees and hedgerow, which make a valuable contribution to the character of the landscape, and is not outweighed by the benefits of the development, contrary to policy BNE10 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012 - 2026.

2) Due to the rural tree lined character of Shady Lane, which provides a higher level of public amenity, the loss of trees would be harmful to the character of the lane and locality contrary to policy BNE1 of the Chorley Local Plan 2012 - 2026.

21.P.151 Appeals Report

Members noted the report of the Director of Planning and Development which set out planning appeals and decisions received between 27 September and 26 November 2021.

Chair

Date