

Minutes of **Planning Committee** held on Monday **15th April 2013** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J R Walker (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Mrs B Todd, Mrs J Briggs, R Nixon & Mrs G Sherwood; Simon Leonard of Scunthorpe Telegraph; the Clerk and 17 members of the public.

179. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors N Poole, J McKellar-Main and G Day.

180. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) Mrs J Briggs –Application No. 2013/0353 – Non Prejudicial
- b) Mrs B Todd – Application No. 2013/0353 – Non Prejudicial

181. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) 2013/0356 West, 6 Brigg Road – erect single storey rear extension. **NO OBJECTION**
- b) 2013/0361 Messingham Scout Group, West View – erect replacement extension to existing storage facility. **NO OBJECTION** provided the extension is the same position as the temporary unit.
- c) 2013/0353 Poole, 46 High Street – change of use of existing tea room to a mixed use (Class A3 and A4) as a tea room with drinking establishment.

A letter of objection from Mr D Lewis was read out, together with a letter of support from Mr M Welton.

The Clerk advised that three residents, Mr Gorman, Mr Chapman and Mr Crossman had specifically requested that their support be noted.

The Vice-Chairman commented that the Parish Council had noted the various comments and objections received from Mr Lewis and Mrs Brown over the last five months and that these would be taken into consideration, but he also stated that, in his opinion, the campaign against Pooley's Tea Room had become a personal witchhunt and that he objected strongly to Parish Councillors being intimidated and confronted.

Members discussion included comments of support relating to the fact that the premises do not have music at any time or fruit machines; swearing is not permitted on the premises; the clientele is generally of an older age group who like a quiet drink; being on the main street of the village, businesses are expected and should be encouraged when other village High Streets are dying. Comments of objection included the noise issues reported by Mrs Brown and the original condition of soundproofing be adhered to; car parking issues and a suggestion that yellow lines be extended up to Kirby's Hairdressers and Cross Tree Road; that the change of use be to a drinking establishment only as the primary use.

The Vice-Chairman concluded discussion by reminding members that business competition could not be considered a valid planning objection; and that Mr Lewis's request for a recorded vote could not be accepted as only councillors can make this request.

Councillor Nixon proposed that an objection be made and that the change of use be changed to A4 drinking establishment only with soundproofing conditions to the premises. Seconded by Councillor Mrs G Sherwood.

Councillor Mrs B Todd proposed an amendment to the proposal of no objection. Seconded by Councillor Mrs J Briggs.

The amendment was carried and therefore became the proposal which was carried.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING