

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
WAYTEMORE ROOM, BISHOP'S
STORTFORD ON WEDNESDAY
23 MAY 2007 AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor R Gilbert (Chairman).
Councillors M R Alexander, W Ashley,
S A Bull, R N Copping, J Demonti,
Mrs M H Goldspink, D A A Peek,
S Rutland-Barsby, J J Taylor,
A L Warman, B M Wrangles.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors P A Ruffles, M J Tindale and M Wood.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Anne Freimanis	- Chief Executive
Simon Drinkwater	- Director of Neighbourhood Services
Glyn Day	- Principal Planning Enforcement Officer
Peter Mannings	- Democratic Services Assistant
George Robertson	- Head Of Legal
Kevin Steptoe	- Head of Planning and Building Control
Alison Young	- Development Control Manager

ALSO PRESENT:

Jonathon Ashley-Norman - Barrister

24 APOLOGY

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of
Councillor K A Barnes, as he was attending a charity match

in memory of his son.

25 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reminded Members of the complexity of the issues surrounding Bishop's Stortford Football Club, which had come about due to planning law being compromised.

The Chairman welcomed Jonathon Ashley-Norman, Barrister representing the Council to the meeting.

26 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee passed a resolution pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public during consideration of the business referred to in Minute xxx on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

RESOLVED ITEMS

ACTION

27 BISHOP'S STORTFORD FOOTBALL CLUB -
CONTINUED PROSECUTION AND CONFISCATION
PROCEEDINGS POST-CONVICTION

The Head of Legal Services submitted a report requesting the Committee to consider whether or not to proceed with the prosecution and confiscation proceedings having considered counsel's briefing note and oral advice on the consequences of each option.

Jonathon Ashley-Norman highlighted an error on page 11 of Appendix 1 of the report now submitted, advising that the Council had last considered the question of confiscation proceedings in November 2005. He outlined the current position and the options open to the Council in respect of prosecution and confiscation proceedings.

Mr Ashley-Norman advised the Committee that there were four options the Council could pursue. These options were outlined in the documents circulated prior to the meeting.

ACTION

He specifically outlined reasons why the Committee might decide to withdraw proceedings and processes that could be followed in respect of confiscation proceedings.

The Committee Chairman moved that option 9a be pursued and the Head of Legal Services be granted delegated authority to pursue confiscation proceedings. After being put to the meeting, and a vote taken, the motion was declared CARRIED.

The Chairman thanked Jonathon Ashley-Norman for his attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED – that (A) option 9a, as detailed in the papers circulated prior to the meeting, be pursued; and

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(B) the Head of Legal Services be granted delegated authority to pursue confiscation proceedings.

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The meeting closed at 7.10 pm

Chairman
Date