

Minutes of the Planning Meeting of
Thompson Parish Council
held in
Thompson Village Hall
on Monday 16th August 2010 at 19:30

Present: Kate Winslow (Chair), Duncan Gregory, Ian Robertson, Nic Fournier, Laurie Hull and five members of the public: Sally Kelly, Terry Feng, (Householders directly adjacent to the proposed building) and Tina and Chris Sales. Jimmy Johnson, in the absence of the Parish Clerk, acted as Secretary.

1. Apologies for absence: Anthony Murphy, Parish Clerk

2. Declaration of interest: None

3. To consider Planning Application 3PL/2010/0810/F for a 5 bedroom house at Redbrick Farmhouse, Marlpit Lane, Thompson:

The members of the public present were invited to take part in the discussion. Sally Kelly said the proposed building was now visually considerably larger than that approved in the outline consent although the total area was only 10% greater than the original.

It was then proposed that the meeting be adjourned in order that those present could visit Marlpit Lane to get a better understanding of the site and its and its relationship to adjacent properties.

The meeting reconvened on the return from Marlpit Lane. Chris Sales said the house had been rotated by ninety degrees with the main entrance facing the access road between the properties of Terry Feng and John Gray: the front of the property would dominate their properties

Nic Fournier said the facade was much longer than in the original outline plan and was subsequently measured by Ian Robertson as being 24.5 metres. The house was now of an L shape with the short leg approximately parallel to Marlpit Road. The windows of this short leg would overlook the house and garden of No. 3 Red Brick Barn.

No detail plans for the proposed garage were available and it was felt as this adjoined the garden of No. 3 Red Brick Barn this was a crucial omission.

It was felt by all members that visually the much longer facade with full height rather than the single storey extensions would now dominate the surrounding properties to the extent that the building was too large a development for its position on the plot. That if it were situated further into the plot, its presence would not be as obtrusive.

It was pointed out that in the plan dated 1993, submitted for approval to develop Red Brick Barn a commitment had been made to move the existing modern barn along Marlpit Road to another site away from domestic properties. (Jimmy

Johnson also reported that Edward Raker had informed him that the barn might be moved if it were thought necessary)

It was felt that the main access should be from the south-west and that the east access should be for emergency use only and that while building the property that the east access should not be used at all in order to avoid damage to the adjoining properties and their foundations.

It was noted that a large amount of rubble and old timber had been left on the site and the suggestion made that the developer be reminded that this had to be cleared away and not burnt on site.

- 4. Flagship Housing update:** Kate Winslow informed the Members that Flagship felt that the Tottington Road site discussed at the last Parish Council meeting was the only site that was feasible for them to develop and that Oxbury & Co, Chartered Surveyors had been instructed approach Breckland Council regarding a feasibility study. Joe Bootman of Oxbury & Co and representatives of Flagship Housing were asked to attend the 16th September 2010 Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.50.

Kate Winslow
Chair of Thompson Parish Council

16th September 2010

These minutes were prepared by the Parish Clerk from notes taken by Jimmy Johnson.