

Meeting	Planning Committee
Date	20 March 2014
Present	Councillors Galvin (Vice-Chair), Ayre, Boyce, Burton, D'Agorne, Doughty, Douglas (Substitute), Firth, McIlveen, Reid, Richardson (Substitute), Riches, Simpson-Laing, Watson (Substitute) and Williams
Apologies	Councillors Horton, Crisp, King and Watt

60. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, Members were asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests they may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

61. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting held on 20th February 2014 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

62. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

63. Plans List

Members then considered a report of the Assistant Director (Development Services, Planning and Regeneration) relating to the following planning application, which outlined the proposals and relevant planning considerations and set out the views of the consultees and officers.

64. Pikehills Golf Club, Tadcaster Road, Copmanthorpe, York, YO23 3UW (14/00113/FULM)

Consideration was given to a major full application by Pike Hills Golf Club for the change of use of 7.7 hectares of agricultural land (O.S Field 4223 and 5014) to golf course.

Officers gave a brief update to advise that an additional condition was being proposed in order to ensure that the current policies and practices relating to the prevention of pesticides and fertilisers entering Askham Bog continue. The condition is as follows:

Prior to first use of the hereby approved development, a land and drainage management plan for the golf course and extension, incorporating details to ensure the prevention of fertilisers and pesticides used at the course (as extended) from entering the adjacent Askham Bog Site of Special Scientific Interest, shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The plan shall thereafter be implemented fully in accordance with the agreed details.

Reason: To safeguard the habitat and ecology of the adjacent Site of Special Scientific Interest.

David Chapman was in attendance on behalf of Pikehills Golf Club. He advised that the land in question had been purchased 10 years ago by the Club but it had continued to be worked on as agricultural land. The planning application was being renewed as the previous permission granted in 2004 had lapsed. The Golf Club will develop the land for use as a golf course once funding permits.

In response to members questions, Officers confirmed that the application had to be reconsidered as per the committee report despite being previously approved, but the proposal is considered to be beneficial as it would have minimal ecological impact.

Following further discussion it was:

Resolved: That delegated authority be given to approve the application subject to the ecological survey requested being acceptable and conditions

outlined in the officers report and the additional condition outlined above.

Reason: It is considered that the proposed change of use of the existing arable land to golf course is acceptable in principle within the Green Belt, constituting appropriate development, subject to the requested survey confirming the anticipated minimal ecological impact on the site.

Cllr J Galvin, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.30 pm and finished at 4.45 pm].