

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
14th April 2016

PRESENT – Councillors Dave Smith (in the Chair), Ali, Brookfield, Browne, Cottam, Khan Z, Hussain I, Jan-Virmani (substitute for Groves), Khonat, Mahmood A, McKinlay, Oates, Slater Jacqueline and Smith J (substitute for Casey)

OFFICERS - Gavin Prescott (Planning Manager), Kate McDonald (Planning Officer), Asad Laher (Legal), Safina Alam (Capita), George Bell (Capita) and Christine Wood (Democratic Services)

RESOLUTIONS

103 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillors Casey, Groves and Whalley

104 Minutes of the last Meeting held on 17th March 2016

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th February 2016 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

105 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

106 Planning Applications

The Committee considered reports of the Director of Prosperity and Growth detailing the planning applications listed overleaf.

In considering the applications, the Committee took into account representations or submissions provided by individuals with the officers answering points raised during discussion thereon.

RESOLVED – (1) That the following decisions be made on the applications set out overleaf:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location and Description</u>	<u>Decision under Town and Country Planning Acts and Regulations</u>
10/15/0144	Mr Paul Holt	Lower Giles Farm, Broadhead Road, Turton Full planning application for erection of new dwelling	Permit with conditions

107 Performance update to 31st March 2016 – including appeals

A report was submitted to present the Committee with a performance update to 31st March 2016 including appeals.

RESOLVED – That the Planning and Highways Committee note the update.

108 Petition: Vicarage Drive, Rectory Close and Priory Drive, Darwen

A report was submitted to advise the Committee of the receipt of a petition from the residents of Vicarage Drive, Rectory Close and Priory Drive, Darwen.

The petition requested that an alternative route be identified to the ‘designated’ reverse around a corner, currently used by learner drivers. Grounds for the request were outlined in the report.

It was reported to the Committee that the issue was not within the control or influence of the Council.

It was recommended that the petition be forwarded to the local Drivers Vehicle Standards Agency at the local test centre. The Board was advised that if the location was on one of their test routes, it may be possible to influence driving instructors currently making use of it.

RESOLVED – That the Planning and Highways Committee

1. Note the petition; and
2. Note that this issue is not within the jurisdiction of the Local Authority; and
3. That the Petition be forwarded to the Drivers’ Vehicle Standards Agency; and
4. That the Lead Petitioner be informed of the above.

109 Retiring Long Serving Councillors

The Chair referred to two long serving Members of the Committee, Councillors Paul Browne and Alan Cottam who would be retiring from their roles following the local elections in May 2016. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked both Members for their many years' service to the Council and on the Planning and Highways Committee.

Signed:

Date:

Chair of the meeting
at which the minutes were confirmed