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PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held in the Corn Exchange, Town Hall, Lewes on 11 July 2007 at 5.00 pm

Present: Councillor D Mitchell (Vice-chair)

Councillors R Allen, J Daly, S Davy, I Eiloart, P Gardiner, B Groves, T Jones, R Main, R Maskell & R Worthington

11 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2007 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

12 Planning Applications

The committee considered Report No. 128/07 on planning applications recommended for determination.

A supplementary report was circulated at the meeting summarising correspondence received since the preparation of the main report.

A Resolved

1) That the following applications be approved subject to the conditions set out in Report No. 128/07, or as shown below:-

LW/07/0077 Planning Application for An 850kw wind turbine comprising a tubular tower 44m high, a three bladed rotor with a diameter of 52m, overall height 70m, an underground cable to Glyndebourne and crane hardstanding area on Land at Mill Plain, New Road

Subject to (i) Completion of the Article 14 Direction procedure referring the application to The Government Office for the South East and the Secretary of State's formal decision as to whether to "call in" the application for her determination and (ii) the imposition of planning conditions to cover the following aspects:- (The detailed wording of the conditions is to be agreed with the Chairman, Lead Member and Councillor Eiloart and will be subsequently minuted).

- The requirement for wind speed and direction data to be accurately assessed over the course of 12 months by way of a temporary mast, details of which are to be submitted for prior approval of the Local Planning Authority.
- Renewal of the wind turbine and all associated equipment before expiration of 25 years from date of commissioning.
- Renewal of wind turbine and all associated equipment if it fails to supply electricity for a continuous period of 12 months.
- Prior approval of construction compound, parking, site turning and access widening works.
- Wheelwashing facilities for construction vehicles.
- Prior approval of construction programme.
- Programme of archaeological works.
- Noise controls (in liaison with Environmental Health Officer).
- Prior approval of details of coloured finish for all turbine components.
- Prohibiting of advertising on any part of turbine.
- Requirement for prior written communication of start date to Ringmer Gliding Club.
- Limitation of permission to submitted turbine details.
- Protocol for handling any noise complaints.
- Logging for windspeed and direction data.
- Monitoring of potential 'shadow flicker' effects.
- Submission of tv reception study.
- Restriction for hours of construction.

NB: The following spoke against the application:-

John Kay (Ringmer Parish Council) Michael Bedford Steve Ankers (South Downs Society) Rory Haycock (CPRE) Martin Small (South Downs Joint Committee) Councillor Paul Gander (Ward Member)

The following spoke in support of the application:-

Gus Christie Adrian Smith (Agent) Elizabeth Mandeville Councillor Chris Bowers (Ward Member)

- LW/07/0598Planning Application for Erection of a three storey
extension (revised scheme to planning approval
LW/04/1065) at Freshford Cottage Nursing Home,
Dane Road
- **LW/07/0456** Planning Application for Erection of a four bedroom detached dwelling with integral garage on Land to the rear of The Royal Oak, High Street
- NB: Mr G Wood spoke in support of the application.

LW/07/0534Planning Application for Demolition of existing
buildings and erection of three x three bedroom town
houses with parking (amendment to planning approval
LW/05/1224) at 'Circa Fish' Site, Westgate Street

- NB: 1) Condition 19 and an informative were added.
- 19. There shall be no burning of waste on the site at any time.

Reason – To protect the amenities of the locality having regard to Policy ST3 of the Lewes District Local Plan.

INFORMATIVE

1. With regard to Condition 1, the Council will expect to see details of rain water collection from the roof and the addressing of any possible adverse effects on the nearby trees from the copper roof cladding.

LW/07/0576 Planning Application for Section 73A Retrospective application for repairs and improvement to bridleway at The Golf Course Farm, South Road, Wivelsfield Green

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NB: 1) The following spoke in support of the application

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Rob Ransom Chris Wojtulewski

2) Condition 1 was amended as follows:-

1. Within six months of the date of this permission, a 1m wide section of road planings from the centre of the existing surfaced track shall be removed and the remaining chalk base shall be covered in top soil and planted with grass seed, in accordance with the details specified on drawing no. PD02 date stamped 25 June 2007. After surplus material shall be permanently removed from the site within the same timescale.

Reason – To reduce the visual impact of the resurfacing works in the interests of the visual amenities of the area having regard to Policy ST3 of the Lewes District Local Plan.

LW/07/0621Planning Application for Erection of three bedroom
detached house (re-submission of LW/07/0157) at 2
Osborne Villas, Station Road

B) That consideration of the following application be deferred for the following reason:

LW/07/0325 Approval of Reserved Matters Application for Mixed use development to provide 3062sqm of B1 commercial office floorspace and a mix of 125 one and two bedroom residential units following outline LW/05/1049 on Land at, Southdowns Road.

Late objections were received from the Environment Agency prior to the committee meeting. In the circumstances the application was withdrawn from the agenda.

The meeting ended at 7.10 pm

D Mitchell (Vice-chair)

The next meeting of the Planning Applications committee is on 1 August 2007 at 5pm at the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes