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## Planning Applications Committee

**Minutes** of a meeting of the **Planning Applications Committee** held in the **Council Chamber, County Hall, St Annes Crescent, Lewes** on **Wednesday, 5 April 2017** at 5:00pm

**Present:**

Councillor S Davy (Chair), G Amy, S Catlin, P Gardiner, T Jones, D Neave, T Rowell, J Sheppard and R Turner

**Officers Present:**

A Hill, Specialist (Planning)  
J Norman, Committee Officer  
J Stone, Lawyer  
C Wright, Specialist (Planning)

|                    | Minutes   | Action |
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| <b>175 Minutes</b> | <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That the following paragraph be added directly below Minute 164 (Declarations of Interest) on page 63 of the Minutes:</li></ul> <p>“Councillor Neave declared his non-prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 6 (Planning Application LW/16/0841) as he was a member of Peacehaven Town Council.” and;</p> |        |

- That the following paragraph be added directly below Resolution 166.3 of Minute 166 (Planning Application LW/16/0841) on page 64 of the Minutes:

*“(Note: Councillor Neave declared his non-prejudicial interest in this item as he was a member of Peacehaven Town Council. He therefore took part in the consideration, discussion and voting thereon).”*

#### **176 Apologies for Absence/Declaration of Substitute Members**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors V lent and L Wallraven.

#### **177 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Amy declared his non-prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 6 (Planning Application LW/16/0542) as he was a member of Newhaven Town Council.

#### **178 Urgent Items**

The Chair had agreed, in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the Supplementary Report to the Planning Applications Committee be considered as a matter of urgency in order that the Committee could take its decisions based on the most recent information which was available (a copy of which is contained in the Minute Book).

#### **Planning Applications OUTSIDE the South Downs National Park**

#### **179 LW/16/0542 – Former School Site, Western Road, Newhaven, East Sussex BN9 9ED**

Councillors Dr Keith Corbett and June Dyer spoke on behalf of Newhaven Town Council. Mrs C Temple spoke against the proposal.

Resolved:

- 179.1** That planning application LW/16/0542 for the redevelopment to provide 31 houses (25 open market houses and 6 affordable houses) be refused.

Reasons for decision:

- I. The proposed development would, by reason of the scale, number and siting of the new dwellings, have a cramped and over-developed appearance that is discordant and incongruous with the spatial characteristics and layout of existing housing within the locality. As such the proposals would be detrimental to visual amenity and the character of the local area, contrary to retained policy ST3 and Core

Policy 11 of the Lewes District Local Plan Part One: Joint Core Strategy and National Planning Guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework 2012; and

- II. The proposed development would, by reason of the siting and landscaping to the new homes, result in the loss of a significant number of protected trees (Tree Preservation Order No. 6 of 2003), including an historic Huntingdon Elm, thereby eroding the character and appearance of the locality to the detriment of visual amenity and contrary to retained policy ST3 and Core Policy 11 of the Lewes District Local Plan Part One: Joint Core Strategy and National Planning Guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework 2012.

*(Note: Councillor Amy declared his non-prejudicial interest in this item as he was a member of Newhaven Town Council. He therefore took part in the consideration, discussion and voting thereon).*

#### **Non-Planning Application Related Items**

#### **180 Outcome of Appeal Decisions from 30 January – 27 February 2017**

Resolved:

- 180.1** That Report No 56/17 which detailed the outcome of appeal decisions from 30 January – 27 February 2017, be noted.

#### **181 Outcome of Appeal Decisions from 27<sup>th</sup> February – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Resolved:

- 181.1** That Report No 67/17 which detailed the outcome of appeal decisions from 27<sup>th</sup> February – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017, be noted.

#### **182 Date of Next Meeting**

Resolved:

- 182.1** That the next meeting of the Planning Applications Committee that is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 26 April 2017 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Annes Crescent, Lewes at 5.00pm, be noted.

The meeting ended at 6:25pm.

S Davy  
Chair