

Planning Committee

Minutes of meeting held as a Remote meeting (via Microsoft Teams) on 15 December 2020 at 6.00 pm.

Present:

Councillor Jim Murray (Chair).

Councillors Peter Diplock (Deputy-Chair), Jane Lamb, Robin Maxted, Md. Harun Miah, Colin Murdoch, Barry Taylor and Candy Vaughan.

Officers in attendance:

Neil Collins (Specialist Advisor for Planning), Helen Monaghan (Lawyer, Planning), Leigh Palmer (Interim Head of Planning), and Emily Horne, Committee Officer and Nick Peeters, Committee Officer.

38 Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2020 were submitted and approved as a correct record, and the Chair was authorised to sign them.

39 Apologies for absence and notification of substitute members

There were none.

40 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and of other interests as required by the Code of Conduct.

Councillor Taylor declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 5 – Land at Bay View Holiday Park, Old Martello Road, as he was pre-determined and took no further part in the meeting.

41 Urgent items of business.

There were none.

42 Land at Bay View Holiday Park, Old Martello Road. ID: 200180

Planning permission the proposed siting of 71 static holiday caravans in lieu of 94 touring caravans and re-layout of the park (resulting in 91 static holiday caravans in total) together with environmental improvements. Joint authority application with Wealden District Council (Ref: WD/2020/0494/MAJ)
– **SOVEREIGN.**

The application was deferred at the previous committee meeting at the request of the Members to enable further discussion with the applicant to reduce the period of occupancy in the static units and the retention of a portion of the touring caravan pitches.

In discussing the application, the Members expressed mixed views; they welcomed the improvement of accommodation and reduced period of occupancy in the static caravans from 11 to 10 months, but raised some concerns regarding the loss of 53 touring pitches and impact of this on the wider town and questioned if there was sufficient parking onsite. Officers advised that two cars could be parked besides each static caravan, but it was agreed this should not be a condition.

Councillor Murray proposed a motion to approve the application in line with the officers' recommendation. This was seconded by Councillor Diplock and was carried. Councillor Lamb requested that there be a named vote and this was approved.

RESOLVED: (by 4 votes to 2 against and 1 abstention) For: Councillors Diplock, Miah, Vaughan and Murray. Against: Councillors Lamb and Murdoch. Abstained: Councillor Maxted. That planning permission be delegated to officers to approve subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the report.

43 Date of Next Meeting

Resolved:

That the next meeting of the Planning Committee which is scheduled to commence at 6:00pm on Tuesday, 26 January 2021 in a virtual capacity, via Microsoft Teams, and in accordance with section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and section 13 of the related regulations, be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.01 pm

Councillor Jim Murray (Chair)