

Planning Applications Committee

Minutes of the remote meeting held (via Microsoft Teams) on 12 August 2020 at 4:00pm

Present:

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)

Councillors Steve Saunders (Vice-Chair), Lynda Duhigg, Tom Jones, Christoph von Kurthy, Sylvia Lord, Imogen Makepeace, Milly Manley, Laurence O'Connor and Nicola Papanicolaou

Officers in attendance:

Andrew Hill (Senior Specialist Advisor, Planning)

Jennifer Norman (Committee Officer, Democratic Services)

Leigh Palmer (Interim Head of Planning)

Joanne Stone (Solicitor, Planning)

12 Introductions

The Chair introduced members of the Committee via roll call, and those officers present during the remote meeting.

13 Apologies for absence/Declaration of substitute members

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Graham Amy, as he was unable to participate in the meeting due to technical issues.

14 Declarations of interest

Councillor Tom Jones declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 11 (planning application SDNP/20/01311/FUL) as he was the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

15 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2020 were submitted and approved, and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

16 Petitions

There were none.

17 Written questions from councillors

There were none.

18 LW/20/0298 - Woods Fruit Farm, Goldbridge Road, Newick, East Sussex, BN8 4QP

A written representation from Councillor Cathy Wickens was read aloud by the Committee Officer on behalf of Newick Parish Council. Written representations against the proposal were read aloud by the Committee Officer on behalf of Tony Turk (Newick Village Society), Baroness Julia Cumberlege and Mrs Mel Goddard (neighbour). Written representations for the proposal were read aloud by the Committee Officer on behalf of John Wood (applicant), Phillip Wood (applicant) and Olivia Forsyth (agent). A written representation was read aloud by the Committee Officer on behalf of Lewes District Ward Councillor Roy Burman.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/20/0298 for demolition of Oakside and the erection of 69 residential homes, with associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure works be refused for the following reasons:

1. The development, as a result of its location outside of the defined settlement boundary and the allocated site within the Newick Neighbourhood Plan, would result in an unacceptable encroachment into the countryside and closure of the gap between the site and the nearest dwellings to the east (The Gables and Newlands), and detrimentally impact on the open character of the countryside, contrary to Policy H04 of the Newick Neighbourhood Plan and policy DM1 of the Lewes District Local Plan.

19 LW/19/0237 - Site adjoining 4 Strawlands, Plumpton Green, East Sussex**Resolved:**

That outline planning application LW/19/0237 for erection of 4no two bedroom bungalows, 4no two bedroom flats and 2no one bedroom flats for persons aged 55 or over, be deferred to a future meeting of the Planning Applications Committee.

20 SDNP/19/04516/FUL - 1 New Cottages, The Street, Bishopstone Village, BN25 2UH

A written representation for the proposal was read aloud by the Committee Officer on behalf of Imogen and Roger Taylor (neighbours).

Resolved:

That planning application SDNP/19/04516/FUL for alterations and conversion of an existing barn to a holiday let be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report, and condition 5 to include indigenous planting and an informative advising not to park on the highway.

**21 SDNP/20/01311/FUL - Garden to the south of Longcroft House, 46
Beacon Road, Ditchling, Hassocks, East Sussex, BN6 8UZ**

Written representations for the proposal were read aloud by the Committee Officer on behalf of Stewart Legg (applicant), Peter Young (agent) and David Tetley (scheme architect).

Resolved:

That revised planning application SDNP/20/01311/FUL for erection of a detached dwelling and garage, with new access and associated landscaping be refused for the following reasons:

1. The development, as a result of its location outside of the settlement boundary, would lead to the inappropriate and inefficient use of land, failing to meet the criteria associated with and therefore contrary to Policy SD25 of the South Downs National Park Local Plan, and in terms of the Ditchling Street and Westmeston Neighbourhood Plan (DSWNP) it extends development beyond the adopted planning boundary, failing to meet the exceptions of Policy DS1 of the DSWNP and it therefore contrary to Policy DS1 of the DSWNP.

22 Date of next meeting**Resolved:**

That the next meeting of the Planning Applications Committee which is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 2 September 2020, 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 6.32pm.

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)