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Planning Applications Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UE on 6 July 2022 at 5:00pm

Present:

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair);
Councillors Laurence O'Connor (Vice-Chair), Graham Amy, Roy Burman, Christoph von Kurthy, Imogen Makepeace, Nicola Papanicolaou, Steve Saunders and Richard Turner

Officers in attendance:

Tom Bagshaw (Specialist Advisor, Planning), Jennifer Norman (Committee Officer, Democratic Services), Leigh Palmer (Head of Planning First), Nick Peeters (Committee Officer, Democratic Services), Elaine Roberts (Committee Officer, Democratic Services) and Joanne Stone (Principal Planning Solicitor)

13 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8 June 2022 were submitted and approved and the Chair authorised to sign them as a correct record.

14 Apologies for absence/Declaration of substitute members

Apologies for absence had been received from Senior Specialist Advisor (Planning), Andrew Hill and Councillors Tom Jones, Sylvia Lord and Milly Manley. It was declared that Councillor Roy Burman would be acting as substitute for Councillor Lord for the duration of the meeting.

15 Declarations of interest

Councillor Turner declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in Agenda item 8 (planning application LW/22/0230) as he was a member of Ringmer Parish Council.

Councillor Burman declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in Agenda item 7 (planning application LW/21/0828) as he was the local Lewes District Ward Councillor.

For the purpose of transparency, the Council's Principal Planning Solicitor declared that she knew one of the objectors speaking against planning application LW/22/0230 (Agenda item 8) but that this would not affect any legal advice given.

16 Urgent items

There were no urgent items. A supplementary report, however, was circulated to the Committee prior to the start of the meeting, updating the main reports on the agenda with any late information (a copy of which was published on the Council's website).

17 Petitions

A petition had been presented by Councillor Amy in respect of the Thakeham Homes site in Newhaven. The petition was received and acknowledged by the Chair of the Committee and the Head of Planning First.

18 Written questions from councillors

There were none.

19 LW/21/0828 - Land to rear of Oldaker Road

Councillor Brian Hodge spoke on behalf of Newick Parish Council. The Committee Officer read a speech against the proposal on behalf of Mrs P A Bown (Immediate Neighbour. Ben Jones (Agent) and Steve Monteiro (Applicant) spoke for the proposal.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/21/0828 for erection of a 3-bed detached dwelling with associated access and on-site parking be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report. The Committee added an informative that white panelling be used in respect of the proposed development.

20 LW/22/0230 - Land rear of Westbourne, Lewes Road, Ringmer, East Sussex, BN8 5ES

Jennifer Barrett read a speech against the proposal on behalf of Martin Weld (Immediate Neighbour). Jennifer Barrett (Immediate Neighbour) and John Walters (Immediate Neighbour) also spoke against the proposal. The Committee Officer read a speech on behalf of Peter Leach (Applicant) for the proposal.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/22/0230 for erection of 2no. 3-bedroom detached single storey residential dwellings be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and supplementary report and the variation of condition 7 with regard to parking to secure an additional visitor parking space and to ensure the Construction Management Plan mirrors the requirements of the adjacent development site. The Committee also added an informative regarding landscaping in respect of the Laurel Hedge.

21 Date of next meeting

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Planning Applications Committee was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 3 August 2022, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UE, commencing at 5:00pm.

The meeting ended at 6:18pm.

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)