

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 September 2023 at 5:00pm

Present:

Councillor Lucy Agace (Chair);
Councillors Paul Keene (Deputy-Chair), Ian Alexander, Graham Amy, Roy Clay and Isobel Sharkey

Officers in attendance:

Marc Dorfman (Senior Planning Specialist), Jennifer Norman (Committee Officer, Democratic Services), Leigh Palmer (Head of Planning First), Nick Peeters (Committee Officer, Democratic Services), James Smith (Principal Planner) and Joanne Stone (Principal Planning Solicitor)

38 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 August 2023 were submitted and approved and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

39 Apologies for absence/Declaration of substitute members

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Becky Francomb, Christoph von Kurthy, Sean MacLeod, James Meek and Stella Spiteri.

40 Declarations of interest

Councillors Roy Clay and Paul Keene each declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 9 (planning application SDNP/21/02127/HOUS) as they both knew the Applicant in a personal capacity.

41 Urgent items

There were none.

42 Petitions

There were none.

43 Written questions from councillors

There were none.

44 Officer update

A supplementary report was circulated to the Committee the day before the meeting, updating the main reports on the agenda with any late information (a copy of which was published on the Council's website).

45 LW/23/0417 - Land west of A275, South Common, South Chailey

Prior to presentation of the application, the Senior Planning Specialist highlighted that following the publication of the Officer update, a petition of approximately 219-220 signatures in objection to the application had been received by Planning Officers.

Councillor Robin Penfold spoke on behalf of Chailey Parish Council. John Kay (CPRE Sussex), David Baker (Immediate Neighbour) and Isabelle Linington (Local Resident) spoke against the proposal. Helen Ball (Planning Director/Agent) spoke for the proposal. Councillor Dr Mark Slater spoke in his capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

Resolved:

That outline planning application LW/23/0427 with all matters reserved except access for the erection of up to 56 dwellings (including 40% affordable housing), public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage systems and vehicular access point be deferred, so that Officers could negotiate with the Applicant regarding the withdrawal of the application.

46 SDNP/23/02127/HOUS - 50A North Way, Lewes, BN7 1DJ

Prior to the presentation of the application, the Council's Principal Planning Solicitor explained that due to the declarations of interest by two of the six members of the Committee present at the beginning of the meeting, the Committee would be inquorate for this item and the application would therefore stand adjourned to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

47 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning Applications Committee was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2023, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UE, commencing at 5:00pm.

The meeting ended at 6:20pm.

Councillor Lucy Agace (Chair)