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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 April 2022 at 5:00pm**

### **Present:**

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)  
Councillors Steve Saunders (Vice-Chair), Graham Amy, Roy Clay,  
Christoph von Kurthy, Jim Lord, Sylvia Lord, Imogen Makepeace, Laurence O'Connor  
and Richard Turner

### **Officers in attendance:**

Andrew Hill (Senior Specialist Advisor, Planning)  
Sarah Lawrence (Senior Committee Officer, Democratic Services)  
Jennifer Norman (Committee Officer, Democratic Services)  
Leigh Palmer (Head of Planning First)  
Joanne Stone (Solicitor, Planning)

### **94 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 April 2022 were submitted and approved and the Chair authorised to sign them as a correct record.

### **95 Apologies for absence/Declaration of substitute members**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Manley, Jones and Papanicolaou. Councillor Roy Clay advised that he was substituting for Councillor Manley and Councillor Jim Lord advised that he was substituting for Councillor Papanicolaou.

### **96 Declarations of interest**

Councillor Turner declared he was a member of the Ringmer Parish Council, but that he had made no comment in relation to Application LW/20/0011 when considered by the Parish Council to ensure there was no predetermination.

Councillor Saunders declared a personal interest in relation to Application LW/20/0885 as his employer had previously owned the office building located next to the site.

### **97 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.

**98 Petitions**

There were none.

**99 Written questions from councillors**

There were none.

**100 LW/20/0011 - Averys Nurseries, Uckfield Road, Ringmer, East Sussex, BN8 5RU**

Phillip Mitchell (Representative of Ringmer Against Greenfield Exploitation – R.A.G.E), Eleanor Robins (Neighbour) and Linda Grange (Neighbour) spoke against the proposal. Ross Barber (Applicant), Martin Gray (Architect) and Paul Burgess (Agent) spoke for the proposal. Councillor Johnny Denis spoke as a Ward Councillor.

**Resolved:**

That planning application LW/20/0011 for demolition of existing commercial/agricultural buildings and construction of new office/light industrial workshops (B1) and 53 dwellings, including new site entrance and A26 right turn lane be refused due to the following reasons:

- 1) Unsustainable location and isolated from facilities and reliance of car usage.
- 2) Contrary to the Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan in terms of the loss of a commercial and employment site.

**101 LW/21/0503 - Land adjacent to The Old Brickworks, Finns Farm - Station Road, Station Road, Plumpton Green, East Sussex**

Tondra Thom (Planning Consultant) spoke for the proposal. Councillor Rob Banks spoke as a Ward Councillor. Councillor Nick Beaumont spoke on behalf of Plumpton Parish Council.

**Resolved:**

That planning application LW/21/0503 for Equestrian facility for the treatment and recuperation of race/sports horses, including temporary mobile home staff accommodation be approved subject to:

- 1) The conditions set out in the report and supplementary report and additional conditions relating to foul drainage and provision of an EV charging point and requirement for the applicant to provide details regarding the storage and disposal of manure.

**102 LW/20/0885 - Land adjacent to Norton Road Business Park, Norton Road, Newhaven, East Sussex, BN9 0JF**

Nathan Chilvers (Agent) spoke for the proposal.

**Resolved:**

That planning application LW/20/0885 Erection of 10 x affordable dwellings be approved subject to:

- 1) The conditions set out in the report and an additional condition requested by the environment agency (set out on page 98 of the Officer's report) as follows:

The development shall be carried out in accordance with the submitted Flood Risk Assessment (Beach Road, Newhaven. Flood Risk and Drainage Assessment, dated January 2021, ref: 15192/06/HOP/RPT/01, by HOP Consulting Limited) and the following mitigation measures it details:

- All sleeping accommodation to be located on the first floor and above.
- Flood resilience and resistance measures are to be incorporated as described in section 6 Owners/occupants are to sign up to the Environment Agency's Flood Warning Service, and a flood action evacuation plan is to be developed for the site (to be agreed by Local Authority Emergency Planners). Owners/occupants are also to be made aware of this plan and its contents.

These mitigation measures shall be fully implemented prior to occupation and subsequently in accordance with the scheme's timing/phasing arrangements. The measures detailed above shall be retained and maintained thereafter throughout the lifetime of the development.

Reason: To reduce the risk of flooding to the proposed development and future occupants, to maximise the safety of occupants of the building by providing safe refuge and providing arrangements for evacuation in an extreme event and to maximise the building's safety and resilience to floodwater.

- 2) Completion of a S106 agreement to secure 40% affordable housing, local labour and training obligations, and a S278 agreement relation to the highway works.
- 3) An informative to request that the applicant investigate and consider raising of the ground floor level by 0.6m.

**103 SDNP/21/05039/LIS - 32 High Street, Lewes, BN7 2LX**

**Resolved:**

That planning application SDNP/21/05039/LIS, erection of bow top rail fencing and gates around the rear stable blocks and installation of a new timber gate in the east side wall of Church Twitten be approved subject to the conditions set out in the report.

**104 Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Committee was 27 April 2022 at 5:00pm.

The meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)