

Planning Applications Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UE on 7 June 2023 at 5:00pm

Present:

Councillor Lucy Agace (Chair);
Councillors Paul Keene (Deputy-Chair), Ian Alexander, Graham Amy, Roy Clay, Becky Francomb, Wendy Maples (Substitute), Isobel Sharkey and Stella Spiteri

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), Elaine Roberts (Committee Officer, Democratic Services), James Smith (Principal Planner) and Joanne Stone (Principal Planning Solicitor)

1 Election of Deputy Chair

That Councillor Paul Keene be elected Deputy Chair of the Planning Applications Committee for the remainder of the 2023/2024 municipal year.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 April 2023 were submitted and approved and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

3 Apologies for absence/Declaration of substitute members

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Christoph von Kurthy, Sean MacLeod and James Meek. It was declared that Councillor Wendy Maples would be acting as Substitute for Councillor Meek for the duration of the meeting.

4 Declarations of interest

Councillors Ian Alexander, Graham Amy and Paul Keene each declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 10 (planning application LW/23/0179) as they were patients of the Quayside GP Practice.

5 Urgent items

There were none.

6 Petitions

There were none.

7 Written questions from councillors

There were none.

8 Officer update

A supplementary report 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).

9 LW/22/0427 - Fingerpost Field Recreation Ground, The Broyle, Ringmer

Councillor John Whitlock spoke on behalf of Ringmer Parish Council. Barry Giles (Immediate Neighbour) and Andrew Smith (Local Resident) spoke against the proposal. Councillor Johnny Denis spoke in his capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/22/0427 for the construction of a skate park be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and supplementary report.

10 LW/23/0179 - 5-8 and 10 Newhaven Square, Newhaven, BN9 9QP

There were no registered speakers for this item.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/23/0179 for alterations and extensions to existing Co-operative and Peacocks buildings and external works to facilitate creation of a health, wellbeing and cultural hub to accommodate Quayside GP Practice and Wave Leisure Centre be approved by the Head of Planning, subject to no additional material matters being introduced through public representations prior to the expiry of the statutory consultation period on 16 June 2023, the conditions set out in the report and supplementary report, and an additional condition in respect of lighting and further crime-detering measures on the application site.

11 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning Applications Committee was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 12 July 2023, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UE, commencing at 5:00pm.

The meeting ended at 6:08pm.

Councillor Lucy Agace (Chair)