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Planning Applications Committee

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE on 13 March 2019 at 5.00pm

Present:

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)

Councillors Jim Sheppard (Deputy-Chair), Liz Boorman, Stephen Catlin, Graham Amy, Tom Jones, Dave Neave, Tony Rowell, Richard Turner and Peter Gardiner

Officers in attendance:

Andrew Hill (Senior Specialist Advisor, Planning)
Matthew Kitchener (Specialist Advisor, Planning)
Helen Monaghan (Lawyer, Planning)
Jennifer Norman (Committee Officer)
Joanne Stone (Lawyer, Planning)

Also in attendance:

R Little, South Downs National Park Authority (SDNP)

128 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2019 were submitted and approved, and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

129 Apologies for absence/Declaration of substitute members

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Vic lent. Councillor Peter Gardiner declared that he was acting as substitute for Councillor lent for the duration of the meeting.

130 Declarations of interest

Councillor Neave declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 (planning application LW/18/0366) as he was a member of Peacehaven Town Council and, for purposes of transparency, also declared that his son was formerly employed by the applicant.

Councillor Amy declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 9 (planning application SDNP/18/05990) as he was a member of Newhaven Town Council's Planning Committee.

131 Petitions

There were none.

132 LW/19/0084 - Chailey School, Mill Lane, Chailey, East Sussex, BN8 4PU

Councillor Mark Evans spoke on behalf of Chailey Parish Council. Mr Collins, Mr Worthington and Mr Sudall spoke against the application. Luke Young, Tim Spencer and Helen Key spoke for the application.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/19/0084 for plan demolition of the existing EFAA, EFAF and EFAG buildings and development of a new part two and part three storey school building, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), with associated parking, landscaping and external works as a temporary access point for construction purposes be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and supplementary reports, and subject to the following additional informatives:

1. Installation and use of blinds;
2. Investigate the use of grey rainwater harvesting;
3. Restricted use of the east block of the building outside of regular hours;
4. Drainage in relation to the comments made from the occupier of 3 Maplehurst.

133 LW/18/0366 - 81 - 85 South Coast Road, Peacehaven, East Sussex, BN10 8QS

Paul Burgess spoke for the application.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/18/0366 for demolition of 81-83 South Coast Road and construction of 3 storey mixed-use development with ground floor retail unit (A1) and 10 flats (C3), refurbishment of 85 South Coast Road (A1) and construction of 1st floor offices (B1a), new hard and soft landscaping throughout the site together with off-street car parking, cycle parking and refuse/recycling storage be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and supplementary report, and subject to the original proposal being amended to read 9 flats (C3).

(Note: Councillor Neave declared a non-prejudicial interest in this item as he was a member of Peacehaven Town Council and, for reasons of transparency, that his son was formerly employed by the applicant. He therefore took part in the consideration, discussion and voting thereon.)

134 SDNP/18/06553/FUL - The Beacon Nurseries, Beacon Road, Ditchling, BN6 8XB

Planning application SDNP/18/06553/FUL was called-in by the South Downs National Park for determination, for reasons detailed in the supplementary report. The planning application was therefore withdrawn from consideration.

135 SDNP/18/05990 - Old Barn adjacent to 8, Bush Road, Newhaven, East Sussex

Councillor Steve Saunders spoke on behalf of Newhaven Town Council. David Collins and Mr C Appleton spoke for the application.

Resolved:

That planning application SDNP/18/05990/FUL for proposed demolition of an existing barn and the construction of a single private dwelling associated with car parking and landscaping on an existing brownfield site be approved.

This decision was contrary to the Officer recommendation, with the Committee considering that the development would enhance the character of the area; the surrounding landscape; and the wider public realm. It would also support and enhance the South Downs National Park in accordance with its 1st purpose, and would comply with the 2nd purpose of the Park.

That the Head of Planning be delegated to approve the application subject to the relevant conditions.

(Note: Councillor Amy declared a non-prejudicial interest in this item as he was a member of Newhaven Town Council's Planning Committee. He therefore took part in the consideration, discussion and voting thereon.)

136 Written questions from councillors

There were none.

137 Date of next meetingResolved:

That the next meeting of the Planning Applications Committee that is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 3 April 2019 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE, commencing at 6:00pm, be noted.

The meeting ended at 7.25pm.

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)

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