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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 7 September 2022 at 5:00pm**

### **Present:**

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair);  
Councillors Laurence O'Connor (Vice-Chair), Christoph von Kurthy, Jim Lord (Substitute), Sylvia Lord, Imogen Makepeace, Milly Manley, Nicola Papanicolaou, Steve Saunders and Richard Turner

### **Officers in attendance:**

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

### **35 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3 August 2022 were submitted and approved and the Chair authorised to sign them as a correct record.

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Graham Amy and Tom Jones. It was declared that Councillor Jim Lord would be acting as substitute for Councillor Jones for the duration of the meeting.

### **37 Declarations of interest**

For purposes of transparency in respect of Agenda item 13 (*planning application LW/21/1005*) Councillor Richard Turner declared that he was a member of Ringmer Parish Council and that the Applicants were known to him but that he had no personal or prejudicial interest in the item.

### **38 Urgent items**

There were none.

### **39 Petitions**

There were none.

**40 Written questions from councillors**

There were none.

**41 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).

**42 LW/21/0548 - 367 South Coast Road, Telscombe Cliffs, East Sussex, BN10 7HA**

Prior to the presentation of the planning application, the Head of Planning clarified that the Applicant was not Lewes District Council, with details of the correction set out in the supplementary report.

The Committee Officer read a speech in support of the proposal on behalf of Courtney Darby (Agent/Architect). Councillor Christine Robinson spoke in her capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

**Resolved:**

That planning application LW/21/0548 for demolition of existing house and outbuildings and erection of three storey building containing eight residential units be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and supplementary report and additional conditions in respect of hedges, planting and permeable parking.

**43 LW/21/0977 - Evershed Court, Fairlight Avenue, Telscombe Cliffs**

Councillor Christine Robinson spoke in her capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

**Resolved:**

That outline planning application LW/21/0977 concerning the scale, appearance, layout, and access for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of 7 no. dwellinghouses and alterations to vehicular access be refused for the following reasons:

- 1) The number of units, layout and tight access would form an overdevelopment of the site, which would be out of character with the prevailing development and would also likely lead to pedestrian safety issues.

**44 LW/21/0224 - Newhaven Fire Station, Fort Road, Newhaven, BN9 9EJ****Resolved:**

That planning application LW/21/0224 for demolition of existing buildings and erection of 6 no. three bedroom dwellings be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and supplementary report.

**45 LW/21/0014 - Land East and West of Downs Walk, Peacehaven, BN10 7SN**

The Committee Officer read a speech against the proposal on behalf of Mr R Jain (Neighbour). Peter Young (Agent) and Barry Shoebridge (Partner of Applicant) spoke for the proposal.

**Resolved:**

That planning application LW/21/0014 for an amended scheme of the erection of 2 detached two storey houses and 6 detached bungalows, along with parking and associated landscaping be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and the additional three conditions as set out in the supplementary report.

**46 LW/21/0988 - Travis Perkins, Green Road, Wivelsfield Green, RH17 7QL**

Deborah Turner (Immediate Neighbour) spoke against the proposal. John Escott (Agent) spoke for the proposal.

**Resolved:**

That planning application LW/21/0988 for an amended scheme for the demolition of existing commercial buildings and construction of a residential redevelopment scheme comprising 3no pairs of semi-detached houses, new access road and turning head, retention, and adjustment of public footpath, refuse and recycling store and associated landscaping be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and supplementary report, and an additional condition which requires the developer to engage with the local authority in respect of mitigation concerning the garage.

**47 LW/21/1005 - Bridge Farm, Barcombe Mills Road, Barcombe**

Councillor Andy Holman (Chair) spoke on behalf of Barcombe Parish Council. The Committee Officer read a speech against the proposal on behalf of Mark Young (Neighbour). Alison Johnson (Near Neighbour) spoke against the proposal. Tristan Hoskin (Agent) and David Campion (Planning Consultant) spoke for the proposal. The Committee Officer read a speech on behalf of Councillor Emily O'Brien in her capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

**Resolved:**

That planning application LW/21/1005 for the erection of one workshop comprising 6 modular units with associated car parking on the established rural employment site be refused, subject to the reasons for refusal as set out in the report and supplementary report.

**48 Date of next meeting**

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

The meeting ended at 7:57pm.

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)