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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, BN1 1UE, on 3 August 2022 at 5:30pm

Present:

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair);
Councillors Roy Burman, Roy Clay, Sylvia Lord, Makepeace, Nicola Papanicolaou, Christine Robinson, Steve Saunders and Richard Turner

Officers in attendance:

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

NOTE: At the beginning of the meeting and prior to the consideration of the items on the agenda, the Chair apologised on behalf of the Committee for the IT issues which led to a delay in the meeting start time.

As a result of the unforeseen technical issues, the Chair announced that Agenda items 8 (*planning application LW/21/0548*), 10 (*planning application LW/21/0977*) and 11 (*planning application LW/21/0224*) would be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee, as there were no speakers on the applications who were present in the public gallery.

22 Minutes

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

23 Apologies for absence/Declaration of substitute members

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Graham Amy, Tom Jones, Christoph von Kurthy, Laurence O'Connor (Vice-Chair) and Milly Manley.

It was declared that Councillor Roy Burman would be acting as substitute for Councillor Jones; Councillor Christine Robinson would be acting as substitute for Councillor O'Connor; and Councillor Roy Clay would be acting as substitute for Councillor Manley for the duration of the meeting.

24 Declarations of interest

Councillor Turner declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in Agenda item 7 (*planning application LW/21/0694*) as he was a member of Ringmer Parish Council.

For the purpose of transparency in respect of Agenda item 7 (*planning application LW/21/0694*), the Council's Principal Planning Solicitor declared that she was a resident of Ringmer and that some of the attendees in the public gallery were known to her, but that this would not affect any legal advice given.

25 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 (a copy of which was published on the Council's website).

26 Petitions

There were none.

27 Written questions from councillors

There were none.

28 LW/21/0694 - Land Opposite, Bishops Close, Ringmer, East Sussex

Councillor John Kay spoke on behalf of Ringmer Parish Council. Sy Morse-Brown (Near Neighbour) and Katie Joyce-Pettitt (Near Neighbour) spoke against the proposal. Tristan Robinson (Agent) spoke for the proposal. Councillors Johnny Denis and Emily O'Brien spoke in their capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillors.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/21/0694 for erection of 68 dwellings, with associated access, drainage, parking, landscaping and infrastructure works be refused for the following reasons:

- 1) Outside of the planning boundary and impact on the countryside;
- 2) Detrimental design and impact on wider character; and
- 3) Highways impact on Bishops Lane and Earwig Corner.

29 LW/21/0942 - Camelia Cottage, Station Road, North Chailey, BN8 4PJ

Robin Penfold (Near Neighbour) and David Campion (Planning Consultant/Chartered Surveyor) spoke against the proposal. Mark Best (Agent)

spoke for the proposal. Councillor Isabelle Linington spoke in her capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/21/0942 for erection of 7 no. dwelling houses be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and supplementary report. The Committee also added an informative to encourage the developer to talk with residents to resolve drainage issues.

30 LW/22/0089 - Highbury Farm, Markstakes Lane, Chailey, BN8 4BS

The Committee Officer read a speech against the proposal on behalf of Mr and Mrs Manningham (Neighbours). Tondra Thom (Agent), Michelle Durnford (Applicant) and Nick Durnford (Applicant) spoke for the proposal. Councillor Isabelle Linington spoke in her capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

Resolved:

That hybrid planning application LW/22/0089 comprising full application for 1 no. dwellinghouse and outline application for 3 no. dwellinghouses with all matters reserved except access and layout be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and supplementary report and the amendment of condition 5 to include bat boxes, and additional condition to require 3 year occupancy of the self-build units to comply with Community Infrastructure Levey.

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

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 deferred to a future meeting of the Committee due to unforeseen technical issues.

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

Resolved:

That outline 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 deferred to a future meeting of the Committee due to unforeseen technical issues.

33 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 deferred to a future meeting of the Committee due to unforeseen technical issues.

34 Date of next meeting

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Planning Applications Committee was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 7 September 2022, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UE, commencing at 5:00pm.

The meeting ended at 8:38pm.

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)