

WEST DEVON DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE



Minutes of a meeting of the **West Devon Development Management and Licensing Committee** held on **Tuesday, 14th August, 2018** at **10.00 am** at the **Chamber - Kilworthy Park**

Present: **Councillors:**

Chairman Cllr Sanders
Vice Chairman

Cllr Baldwin
Cllr Hockridge
Cllr Mott
Cllr Parker
Cllr Yelland

Cllr Cann OBE
Cllr Lamb
Cllr Moyse
Cllr Pearce

In attendance:

Councillors:

Officers:

Cop Lead – Development Management
Senior Specialist – Planning
Planning Specialist
Solicitor

6. **Apologies for Absence**

*DM&L 06

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Roberts for whom Cllr B Lamb substituted.

7. **Declarations of Interest**

*DM&L 07

Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered and the following were made:

Cllr R E Baldwin declared a Personal Interest in application **0978/18/OPA:** Outline application with all matters reserved for 1 no. live work unit – Land west of Cannon Barn Cottages, Lewdown, by virtue of knowing the applicant when he was his local Ward Member, and he remained in the meeting for the duration of this item and took part in the debate and vote on this application;

Cllr C Mott declared a Personal Interest in application **0978/18/OPA:** Outline application with all matters reserved for 1 no. live work unit – Land west of Cannon Barn Cottages, Lewdown, by virtue of knowing the applicant and being his local Ward Member, and she remained in the meeting for the duration of this item and took part in the debate and vote on this application;

Cllr T G Pearce declared a personal interest in all applications by virtue of being a Member of the Devon Building Control Partnership. He remained in the meeting and took part in the debate and vote on the item.

8. **Confirmation of Minutes**

*DM&L 08

The Minutes of the Development Management and Licensing Committee Meeting held on 19 June 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9. **Planning Applications**

*DM&L 09

The Committee considered the applications prepared by the Development Management Specialists and considered also the comments of Town and Parish Councils together with other representations received, which were listed within the presented agenda reports and summarised below, and **RESOLVED:**

(a) Application No: 0978/18/OPA Ward: Bridestowe

Site Address: Land west of Cannon Barn Cottages, Lewdown

Outline application (all matters reserved) for 1no. live/work unit

Case Officer Update: None

Speakers included: Objector: Mrs Audrey Murphy: Supporter – Mrs Gill Makin: Parish Council representative – Cllr Dunn; local Ward Members – Cllrs Mott and Hockridge

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal

COMMITTEE DECISION: Refusal

10. **Planning Appeals Update**

*DM&L 10

The Committee received and noted the updated list of Planning Appeals including Enforcement Appeals.

11. **Amendment to the Public Participation Scheme for Development Management**

DM&L 11

The Committee were presented with a report that sought approval to amend the Development Management Public Participation Scheme in light of General Data Protection Regulations.

During discussion, one Member stated that restricting all speakers other than Ward Members was not right, and it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and on being put to the vote declared **LOST** that Ward Members also be restricted to speaking for three minutes. Whilst Members did not agree with a restriction of three minutes, they did agree that a restriction in line with the existing Council Procedure Rules to speak for five minutes would be appropriate. It was then **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and on being put to the vote declared **CARRIED**, that the public participation scheme be further amended so that Ward Members are limited to speaking for a maximum of five minutes. It was made clear that this would not restrict Ward Members sitting on the Development Management and Licensing Committee from being able to take further part in the debate on an application.

One Member asked that the public participation scheme be amended to include notification that the meeting may be recorded. Another Member asked that the scheme be amended to clearly show that questions of clarity could be asked of each speaker.

It was then:

RESOLVED that Council be **RECOMMENDED**:

1. That the proposed amendments to the Development Management Public Participation Scheme be approved, as set out in Appendix 1; and
2. The Public Participation Scheme be further amended so that Ward Members are limited to speaking for a maximum of five minutes

The Meeting concluded at 11.40 am

Signed by:

Chairman
