# WEST DEVON PLANNING & LICENSING COMMITTEE



## Minutes of a meeting of the West Devon Planning & Licensing Committee held on Tuesday, 28th June, 2016 at 10.00 am at the Chamber - Kilworthy Park

Present: **Councillors:** 

**Chairman** Cllr Sanders **Vice Chairman** 

Cllr Benson Cllr Cann OBE
Cllr Hockridge Cllr Mott
Cllr Moyse Cllr Pearce
Cllr Roberts Cllr Sheldon

Cllr Yelland

In attendance:

Councillors:

Cllr Cheadle Cllr Leech

Officers:

Sue Nightingale Solicitor

Patrick Whymer Lead Specialist DM

#### 1. **Apologies for absence**

#### \*P&L 01

Apologies were received from ClIr G Parker for whom ClIr J Sheldon acted as substitute and ClIr R E Baldwin for whom ClIr J Yelland acted as substitute.

#### 2. **Declarations of Interest**

\*P&L 02

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

Cllr P R Sanders declared a personal interest in application 0958/16/FUL: Development of an 80kW solar photovoltaic installation, comprising of 307 solar photovoltaic panels with a rating of 260W each. Panels to be arranged in 7 rows of 22.24 metres long, with the top of the panels having a height of 2.46 metres above ground level. There will be a spacing of 9 metres between the rows and a deer fence enclosing the panels – Land West of Seaton Way, Crapstone, by virtue of being the local Ward Member who called the application to Committee. He remained in the meeting and took part in the debate and vote;

Cllr J Yelland declared a personal interest in application 0436/16/COU: change of use from private garage (C3) to furniture shop (A1) – Kingswood, Castle Road, Okehampton, by virtue of being the local Ward Member who called the application to Committee and a Member of Okehampton Town Council. She remained in the meeting and took part in the debate and vote;

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 each item.

#### 3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

#### \*P&L 03

The Minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee Meeting held on 29 March 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. In response to a query regarding a perceived omission from the minutes, the Chairman reminded Members that the minutes reflected specific agenda items and if other issues were required to be minuted then an appropriate agenda item would need to be programmed.

#### 4. Planning Applications & Enforcement Reports

#### \*\*P&L 04

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**:

Application No: 0958/16/FUL Ward: Buckland

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**Site Address: Land West of Seaton Way, Crapstone, Yelverton** 

#### **PL20 7UZ**

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Speakers included: Supporter (representing the Applicant as member of the Parish Council) – Cllr R Cheadle; Ward Member – Cllr P R Sanders

**RECOMMENDATION:** Conditional Approval

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Defer for Site Inspection

Application No: 0436/16/COU Ward: Okehampton South

Site Address: Kingswood, Castle Road, Okehampton EX20 1HX

Change of use from private garage (C3) to furniture shop (A1)

Speakers included: Supporter (owner) - Mr Sean Kelly

**RECOMMENDATION:** Conditional Approval

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Defer for Site Inspection

Application No: 1008/16/VAR Ward: Okehampton North

Site Address: Land off Crediton Road, Hillside Drive, Okehampton, EX20 1UN

Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning consent 01324/2014 to allow for a minor amendment

Speakers included: Supporter(Applicant) - Ms D Johnson

**RECOMMENDATION:** Conditional Approval subject to deed of variation of the Section 106 Agreement

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Defer for Site Inspection

#### 5. **Planning Appeals Update**

\*P&L 05

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

### 6. Report the facts regarding the immediate revocation of a driver licence, as authorised by Head of Paid Service

#### \*P&L 06

(Resolved that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government ct 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be disclosed as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) to the Act).

The Committee were presented with an exempt report that presented the facts relating to the revocation of a driver licence authorised by the Head of Paid Service.

#### It was then **RESOLVED**:

- 1. That the facts in relation to the immediate revocation of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver licence due to safeguarding concerns be noted; and
- 2. That the action taken by the Head of Paid Service in determining to immediately revoke the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence be noted and that this action had been taken in accordance with Section 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976 as amended by Section 52 Road Safety Act 2006.

The Meeting concluded at 9.20 am

Signed by:

Chairman