

WEST DEVON DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE



Minutes of a meeting of the **West Devon Development Management and Licensing Committee** held on **Tuesday, 12th December, 2017** at **10.00 am** at the **Chamber - Kilworthy Park**

Present: **Councillors:**

Chairman Cllr Sanders
Vice Chairman Cllr Roberts

Cllr Baldwin
Cllr Hockridge
Cllr Mott
Cllr Parker

Cllr Cheadle
Cllr Leech
Cllr Moyse
Cllr Yelland

In attendance:

Councillors:

Officers:
COP Lead Development Management
Planning Specialist
Solicitor
Specialist Licensing

37. **Apologies for Absence**

***DM&L 37**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr W G Cann OBE for whom Cllr R F Cheadle substituted and from Cllr T G Pearce for whom Cllr T F Leech substituted.

38. **Declarations of Interest**

***DM&L 38**

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 **2844/17/FUL**: Erection of single residential dwelling with associated

parking and residential amenity area by virtue of being contacted by a number of objectors to the application. He had visited a property in the ownership of one of the objectors and viewed the site from that property. He remained in the meeting and took part in the debate and vote thereon.

39. **Confirmation of Minutes**

***DM&L 39**

The Minutes of the Development Management and Licensing Committee Meeting held on 14 November 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. The minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 28 September 2017, and the two Licensing Sub Committees held on 8 November 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

40. **Planning Applications**

***DM&L 40**

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: 2844/17/FUL Ward: Buckland Monachorum

Site Address: Land at SX 510 668, South of Green Lane, Yelverton, Devon

Erection of single residential dwelling with associated parking and residential amenity area.

Case Officer Update: Attention drawn to recent High Court decision handed down 17 November for Braintree DC Vs Secretary of State. Late response from AONB Unit read out in full.

Speakers included: Objector – Mr Andrew Pett: Supporter – Mr John Cooke.

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal

During discussion, Members considered the information presented in the Case Officer update and this led to removal of reference to NPPF para 55 from the presented reason for refusal and the main body of the officer report. In addition, NPPF para 14 was added to the reason for refusal. Due to the need to balance environmental, social and economic impacts of the development it was Members view that there was environmental harm to the landscape character and detachment from services, to be balanced against an absence of social benefit and limited economic benefit.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Refusal

41. **Planning Appeals Update**

***DM&L 41**

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

42. **Approval of policy in relation to the licensing of Taxi drivers and vehicles**

DM&L 42

Members were presented with a report that asked the Committee to recommend to Council the draft Taxi Licensing Policy and the fees and charges as shown in para 3.3 of the presented report.

Members asked a number of questions of clarity, and the Licensing Specialist updated a number of points that would be corrected in time for presentation to Committee.

It was then:

RESOLVED:

1. That the Licensing Committee recommends to Council that the draft Taxi Licensing Policy, is adopted at the next meeting, for implementation on 1st April 2018.
2. That the Licensing Committee recommends to Council that the fees and charges for Taxis are amended to the figures shown in para 3.3 of the presented report.

The Meeting concluded at 11.15 am

Signed by:

Chairman
