

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 February 2012 at 4.30 pm

Present:-

Councillor A F Knight	Chairman
Councillor I R Melhuish	Vice Chairman
Councillor G S Dowding	Councillor A P Hadley
Councillor B Heywood	Councillor E May
Councillor C Morgan	Councillor D D Ross
Councillor D Sanders	Councillor L W Smith
Councillor M A Smith	Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew.
Councillor K H Turner	

Officers in Attendance:

Planning Manager - Andrew Goodchild
Deputy Planning Manager - Kenneth Taylor
Planning Assistant – Lisa Bullock
Committee Administrator - Linda Bulpin

P76 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K M Mills and Councillor S J Pugsley.

P77 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 26 January 2012 - circulated with the Agenda be confirmed as a correct record following the amendment to Cllr C Morgan's Declaration of Interest and the word "limited" added to the Committee's consideration on 3/07/11/019.

P78 Declarations of Lobbying

Name	Min No	Ref No	Application	Persons Lobbying
Cllr S Dowding	81	3/07/12/001	Field Adj to A358 at Flaxpool Hill and Field Adj to A358 Opposite Hurley Lay-by	Supporters
Cllr D Ross	81	TPO/T1/120 & TPO/T3/120	Elgin Towers, Burgundy Road, Minehead	Supporters

P79 Declarations of Interest

Name	Min No	Ref No.	Personal or Prejudicial	Action Taken
Cllr D Ross	81	TPO/T1/120 & TPO/T3/120	Personal – Lives in the area	Spoke and Voted
Cllr M Smith	81	TPO/T1/120 & TPO/T3/120	Personal – Lives in the area	Spoke and Voted
Cllr A Trollope-Bellew	81	3/07/12/001	Prejudicial – Owns Land and Property in Crowcombe	Spoke and Left the Chamber

P80 Public Participation

Min No.	Reference No.	Application	Name	Position	Stance
81	3/07/12/001	Field Adj to A358 at Flaxpool Hill and Field Adj to A358 Opposite Hurley Lay-by	Mrs J Highton	Chair of Crowcombe Village Shop	Supporting
81	3/07/12/001	Field Adj to A358 at Flaxpool Hill and Field Adj to A358 Opposite Hurley Lay-by	Mrs K Kitching	Manager of the Carew Arms	Supporting
81	3/07/12/001	Field Adj to A358 at Flaxpool Hill and Field Adj to A358 Opposite Hurley Lay-by	Mr J Hughes	Member of Crowcombe Parish Council	Supporting

P81 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Other Matters

Report of the Planning Team dated the 15 February 2012 (circulated with the Agenda).

The Committee considered the reports, prepared by the Planning Team, relating to plans deposited in accordance with the planning legislation and, where appropriate, Members were advised of correspondence received and subsequent amendments since the agenda had been prepared.

(Copies of all letters reported may be inspected in the planning application files that constitute part of the background papers for each item).

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained in Section 1 of the Report be approved (in so far as they relate to the above), including, where appropriate, the conditions imposed and the reasons for refusal, subject to any amendments detailed below:

Reference Location, Proposal and Decision

3/07/12/001 Field Adjacent to A358 at Flaxpool Hill and Field Adjacent to A358 Opposite Hurley Lay-by
Two Directional Signs To Be Erected On Private Land Bordering The Main A358, One At Either End Of Crowcombe Village, Advertising The Local Amenities Of The Community Shop and Post Office and The Local Pub The Carew Arms.

RESOLVED that the application be APPROVED for the following reason:

Reason For Grant: The apparent local economic benefits for the village of Crowcombe and the community as a whole outweigh any visual harm caused by the granting this application.

Committee's Consideration:

- The positioning of the proposed signs
- The size of the proposed signs
- The layout and colouring of the proposed signs
- Sustainable development
- Supporting local businesses

TPO/T1/120 Elgin Towers, Burgundy Road, Minehead
Tree Preservation Order in Respect of Monterey Cypress

AGREED that the Planning Committee does not confirm the Tree Preservation Order in respect of the Monterey Cypress.

Committee's Consideration:

The number and species of trees on this site

The possible felling of the tree

The possibility of development on the site

TPO/T3/120 Land lying to the North of Elgin Towers, Burgundy Road, Minehead
Tree Preservation Order in Respect of 20 Sycamore Trees

AGREED that the Planning Committee does not confirm the Tree Preservation Order in respect of the group of Sycamore Trees

Committee's Consideration:

The number and species of trees on this site

The possible felling of the trees

The possibility of development on the site

P82 Exmoor National Park Matters

In the absence of Cllr S Pugsley, Cllr C Morgan who attended the last meeting of the Exmoor National Park Planning Committee updated Members on the matters relating to West Somerset.

P83 Delegated Decision List

The Planning Officers answered any questions regarding the report.

P84 Appeals Decided

Appellant	Proposal and Site	Decision
Mr & Mrs S Greenway	60 Doniford Road, Watchet Raising of Garden Wall	Dismissed 20/01/2012
Mr & Mrs H Carter	Land at The Parks House, The Parks, Minehead Proposed Dwelling	Dismissed 01/02/2012

There being no other business the meeting closed at 5.52 pm