

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 February 2014 at 4.30 pm

Present:

Councillor A F Knight Chairman
Councillor I Melhuish Vice Chairman

Councillor A M Chick
Councillor A P Hadley
Councillor K M Mills
Councillor D D Ross
Councillor M A Smith

Councillor G S Dowding
Councillor B Heywood
Councillor S J Pugsley
Councillor L W Smith
Councillor K H Turner

Officers in Attendance:

Planning Manager - Andrew Goodchild
Planning Assistant - Sue Keal
Committee Administrator - Linda Bulpin
Legal Advisor - Martin Evans - Mendip DC

P090 Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Councillor E May, Councillor C Morgan and Councillor A H Trollope-Bellew

P091 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 30 January 2014 - circulated with the Agenda be confirmed as a correct record. Proposed by Councillor K Turner and seconded by Councillor D Ross and all present voted in favour.

P092 Declarations of Lobbying

No declarations of lobbying were declared by Councillors.

P093 Declarations of Interest

Name	Min No	Ref No.	Personal or Prejudicial	Action Taken
Cllr L Smith	95	3/21/11/136	Personal – Knows the applicant	Spoke and Voted

P094 Public Participation

None

P095 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Other Matters

Report Ten of the Planning Team dated 19 February 2014 (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, Debate and Decision

3/21/11/136 Electric Avenue, 20 The Avenue, Minehead
Display of two internally illuminated signs (retrospective)

The Members debate centred on the following issues:

- The signs are a vast improvement on the previous signs

Councillor D Ross proposed and Cllr L Smith seconded a motion that the application be **APPROVED** in accordance with the Officer's recommendation.

All Members present **VOTED IN FAVOUR**

3/21/14/009 Harbour Master's Office, Quay Street, Minehead
Erection of a column fitted with a CCTV camera to the outside of the harbour master's office.

The Members debate centred on the following issues:

- The privacy of nearby residents
- The use of fixed or rotating cameras
- Possible ground works required for the installation of the cameras
- A deterrent against vandalism in the area

Councillor D Ross proposed and Cllr K Turner seconded a motion that the application be **APPROVED** in accordance with the Officer's recommendation.

All Members present **VOTED IN FAVOUR**

3/39/14/001 Public Conveniences, Killick Way, Williton, Taunton
Change of use of part of toilet block to work space/storage (B1, B2 and B8).

The Members debate centred on the following issues:

- The use of Radar Keys and locks
- Proposed opening hours for the toilets
- The size and layout of the proposed toilets
- The size of the proposed work space/storage area
- Lack of natural light in the proposed work space/storage area
- The possible loss of car parking spaces

Councillor K Mills proposed and Cllr D Ross seconded a motion that the application be **APPROVED** in accordance with the Officer's recommendation.

All Members present **VOTED IN FAVOUR**

P096 Exmoor National Park Matters

Cllr S Pugsley gave a report on matters relating to West Somerset considered at the last meeting of the Exmoor National Park Planning Committee. This included the approval for proposed demolition and re-construction of store building (bike shed) (Full) – Pinkery Centre, Simonsbath, Minehead

P097 Delegated Decision List

The Planning Manager answered questions arising from the report.

P098 Appeals Lodged

Appellant	Proposal and Site	Procedure
Dr Penny Rawson	Land at 9 Copse Close, Watchet Erection of a Two Bedroomed House with Car Parking	Written Reps

P099 Site Visit

A site visit was arranged for Wednesday 19 March 2014 meeting at 9.30 am at the Council Offices, Williton

The meeting closed at 5.35 pm