

SWT Planning Committee - 25 June 2020 held via Zoom Video Conference

Present: Councillor Simon Coles (Chair)

Councillors Marcia Hill, Ian Aldridge, Mark Blaker, Sue Buller, Dixie Darch, Ed Firmin, Mark Lithgow, Craig Palmer, Andrew Sully, Ray Tully, Brenda Weston and Loretta Whetlor

Officers: Martin Evans (Shape Legal Partnership), Rebecca Miller (Principal Planning Specialist), Nick Bryant and Tracey Meadows (Democracy and Governance)

Also Present: Councillors

(The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm)

18. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Habgood and Morgan.

19. **Minutes of the previous meeting of the Planning Committee**

(Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 11 June 2020 circulated with the agenda)

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

Proposed by Councillor Hill, seconded by Councillor Buller

The **Motion** was carried.

20. **Declarations of Interest or Lobbying**

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Councillor or Clerk of a County, Town or Parish Council or any other Local Authority:-

Name	Application No.	Reason	Action Taken
Cllr C Palmer	3/21/20/031	Item discussed at the Minehead Planning Committee meeting	Spoke and did not vote on the application

21. **Public Participation**

Application No.	Name	Position	Stance
3/21/20/031	Emily Morris	Applicant	Infavour

22. **20/20/0011**

Change of use of land from agricultural to domestic at Ilbeare, Cattleshaw, Fitzroy Road, Norton Fitzwarren (retention of works already undertaken)

Application **DEFERRED** until a response from Natural England regarding the Grade of Agricultural Land has been received.

23. **3/21/20/031**

Erection of 1 No. 1 number bedroom detached holiday chalet with associated vehicle parking

Comment from member of the public included;

- The proposed structure was in a secluded glen lined with native trees and shrubs providing almost complete cover for the structure;
- The unit will generate its own power using bottled gas for cooking and a small woodstove for heating during the winter months;
- Rainwater would be collected and stored for use;
- The construction would be constructed of wood to lessen the impact on the surrounding area;

Comments by Members included;

- The impact on the landscape was minimal;
- Good use of materials used in the construction of this unit;
- This was an ideal site for a holiday chalet;
- This will bring revenue and employment into Minehead;
- Happy that no trees were damaged in the construction;

Proposed by Councillor Hill and seconded by Councillor Lithgow that the application be **APPROVED**

The **Motion** was carried with one abstention

24. **Latest appeals and decisions received**

Noted that eleven new appeals and four decisions had been received.

(The Meeting ended at 1.50 pm)