

## PLANNING PANEL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2009 at 2:00pm

**Present:** Councillors W Southward (Chairman); Mrs M Docherty (Deputy Chairman); G Garrity; Mrs J Hully; J Jackson; A Jacob; Mrs J Williams and Mrs M Woodburn

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors G Blackwell; Mrs E Eastwood and D Wilson.

**Officers:** T Pomfret, Development Control Manager; H Morrison, Senior Development Control Officer; N Hayhurst, Senior Development Control Officer; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer and S Boyce, Member Services Administration Assistant.

#### **PP40/09**      **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the addition of Councillor A Jacob in the attendances and Councillor G Garrity as an apology for absence.

#### **PP41/09**      **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mrs J Hully declared a personal interest in application **4/09/2390/0** – Erection of Building For Staff Accommodation at Grove Court Hotel, Cleator, Cumbria due to knowing a neighbour, the Parish Priest.

Councillor W Southward declared a personal interest in application **4/09/2440/0** – Extension of Play Area On To Amenity Grass Land to the North of the site at Castle Park, Whitehaven, Cumbria due to knowing the Objector.

#### **PP42/09**      **Planning Applications**

Due to members of the public being present the following applications were dealt with at this point of the meeting.

**4/09/2440/0** – Extension of Play Area On To Amenity Grass Land to the North of the site at Castle Park, Whitehaven, Cumbria

During discussion of this item Mr Copeland spoke in objection to the application.

**RESOLVED** – That the application be referred to Full Council under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992 and be recommended for Approval, subject to the following conditions:-

2. No development shall commence until details of all the play equipment that is to be installed on the extended play area hereby permitted have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall then be constructed in accordance with the approved details.
3. Prior to the first use of the extension to the play area hereby approved, soft landscaping shall be planted around the the perimeter of the site in accordance with a scheme that has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.  
Landscaping shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

The reasons for the above conditions are:-

In compliance with section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure a satisfactory form of development.

To ensure a satisfactory form of landscaping.

The remaining Applications were dealt with at this point of the meeting.

**RESOLVED** – That applications for planning permission be determined as shown on the schedule hereto, subject to conditions of approval and reasons for refusal as set out in the report of the Development Control Manager dated 11 November 2009.

**PP43/09**

**Section 106 Agreement – Land at Gilgarran Park, Gilgarran**

Members considered a request to vary the Section 106 Agreement dated 30 September 2005 relating to the above site by amending clauses 1 and 2 of the Third Schedule to allow occupation of one of the properties on the basis that the required road works are completed by 30 April 2010.

**RESOLVED** – That the request to vary the Section 106 Agreement dated 30 September 2005 relating to the above site by amending clauses 1 and 2 of the Third Schedule to allow occupation of one of the properties on the basis that the required road works are completed by 30 April 2010, be approved.

**PP44/09**      **Planning Appeal Decision**

Members were informed of the outcome of a recent Planning Appeal in respect of an application at 2 Standings Rise, Hillcrest, Whitehaven.

**RESOLVED** – That the decision to DISMISS the appeal be noted in the context of the Council's Local Plan Policies and also in relation to performance monitoring.

**PP45/09**      **Planning Panel Site Visits**

It was noted that there were two Site Visits resulting from the meeting, being at High Road, Whitehaven, Cumbria and Swallow Barn, Lowca, Whitehaven, Cumbria.

**RESOLVED** – that the Site Visits be arranged for Tuesday 24 November 2009. Members departing at 9:30am from the Copeland Centre.

The meeting closed at 2:45pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE PLANNING PANEL ON 11 NOVEMBER 2009**

| App no      | Applicant                      | Location  | Proposal  | Decision              |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| 4/09/2390/0 | Mr Benn, The Grove Court Hotel | Grove Court Hotel, Cleator                            | Erection of building for staff accommodation  | Approve               |
| 4/09/2438/0 | Mr J Bowes                     | 34 Monkway Brow, Whitehaven                           | Single storey kitchen extension   | Approve               |
| 4/09/2445/0 | Park House Service Station     | Park House Service Station, Springfield Road, Bigrigg | 1 No internally illuminated double sided pole mounted display unit (retrospective)  | Refuse Advert Consent |
| 4/09/2447/0 | Phillip Carruthers Ltd         | Station Garage, Station Road, St Bees                 | Demolition of existing garage and filling station forecourt, remediation of land, erection of 6 No. 3 bedroomed terraced houses | Approve               |
| 4/09/2464/0 | Mr J Urwin                     | Land at High Road, Whitehaven                         | Outline application with all Matters Reserved for single storey building with car park to operate as a community pharmacy       | Site Visit            |
| 4/09/2465/0 | Mr T Gilmour                   | Swallow Barn, Lowca, Whitehaven                       | Extensions, alterations, forming dormer windows and re-siting of public footpath  | Site Visit            |
| 4/09/2440/0 | Copeland Borough Council       | Castle Park, Whitehaven                               | Extension of Play Area onto Amenity Grass, land to the north of the site  | Defer to Full Council |