

PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2013 AT 2:00PM IN THE BAINBRIDGE ROOM, THE COPELAND CENTRE.

Present: Councillors Geoff Blackwell (Chair); Jackie Bowman; Margarita Docherty; Stephen Haraldsen; Joan Hully; John Jackson; Alan Jacob; Michael McVeigh; Gilbert Scurrah and William Southward.

Apologies for absence: Councillor John Park.

Officers: Heather Morrison, Senior Development Control Officer; Nick Hayhurst, Senior Development Control Officer; Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer; Louise Kirkup, Senior Planning Policy Officer (for Item 7) and David Wright, Planning Enforcement Officer (for Item 8).

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Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2013 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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Declarations of Interest

Councillor Stephen Haraldsen declared a pecuniary interest in Planning Applications 4/12/2531/0F1 – Application for Alterations and Extension to existing Public House at Lamplugh Tip, Lamplugh and left the room during the discussion and determination of this application.

Councillor John Jackson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application 4/12/2566/0F1 – Application for the installation of a single 11kw Gaia Wind Turbine at Land at Low Thorney Farm, Carleton, Egremont due to his brother living in the vicinity of the proposed wind turbine.

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Planning Applications

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

4/12/2541/OF1 – application for Improved vehicle access & proposed alterations to Car Park, plus construction of 8 new houses at Adams Recreation Ground, Beach Road, St Bees.

During discussion of this item Mr J Knewstubb spoke in objection to the application and Mrs L Coe (Agent) exercised her right to respond.

RESOLVED – That the application be Deferred to allow for a Site Visit to be undertaken.

4/12/2566/OF1 - application for the installation of a single 11kw Gaia Wind Turbine at Land at Low Thorney Farm, Carleton, Egremont.

Members were advised that two attempts to hold a site visit on 13th and 27th February 2013 had been abandoned due to poor visibility.

RESOLVED – That the application be Deferred to allow for a further Site Visit to be undertaken.

The remaining Planning 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 Head of Nuclear, Energy and Planning dated 27 February 2013.

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Whitehaven South Supplementary Planning Document

Members were given a presentation by the Senior Planning Policy Officer informing them of the work that has been done on a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the South Whitehaven area.

The Panel was advised that the South Whitehaven SPD would set out a planning framework which would guide new development in the area. It was anticipated that South Whitehaven would accommodate a new large scale housing development and associated infrastructure together with a range of improvements to the local neighbourhoods of Woodhouse and Greenbank.

The draft SPD had been subject to extensive consultation and the final text was approved by the Local Development Framework Working Party on 14 February 2013. The document was currently with the graphic designers and would be presented to Full Council on 21 March with a recommendation that it be adopted.

Once adopted, the SPD would be a material consideration in making decisions on planning applications and would carry significant weight in the decision making process for South Whitehaven. It would also for part of the wider Copeland Local Development Framework.

RESOLVED – that the current status of the draft South Whitehaven Supplementary Planning Document and the timescale for formal adoption be noted.

PP53/12 **Planning Enforcement Update**

Members received a report on current planning enforcement issues and a presentation from the Planning Enforcement Officer, including photographs of specific examples.

During discussion of this item, Members expressed their appreciation of the work being undertaken by the Planning Enforcement Officer and expressed their support for any enforcement action taken where necessary.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the report be noted,
- b) the Planning Enforcement Officer be thanked for his continued good work.

PP54/12 **Planning Panel Site Visits**

It was noted that there were four Site Visits resulting from the meeting, being at The Old School, Main Street, Distington, Crossgates, Lamplugh, Low Thorney Farm, Carleton and Adams Recreation Ground, Beach Road, St Bees.

RESOLVED – that the Site Visits be arranged for Wednesday 13 March 2013. Departing the Copeland Centre at 10:00am.

The meeting closed at 4:10pm

Chairman

Date

LIST OF DECISIONS MADE

AT PLANNING PANEL

ON 27 FEBRUARY 2013

Application Number	4/12/2531/0F1
Applicant	Mr B Spence
Location	LAMPLUGH TIP, LAMPLUGH
Proposal	ALTERATIONS AND EXTENSION TO EXISTING PUBLIC HOUSE
Decision	Approve (commence within 3 years)
Decision Date	28 February 2013

Application Number	4/13/2004/0F1
Applicant	North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust
Location	WEST CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL, HENSINGHAM, WHITEHAVEN
Proposal	NEW ENERGY CENTRE BUILDING COMPLETE WITH CHIMNEY, GENERATOR CONTAINERS AND OIL TANKS WITH CONCRETE BUND
Decision	Approve (commence within 3 years)
Decision Date	28 February 2013

Application Number	4/13/2018/001
Applicant	Mr and Mrs N Douglas
Location	PLOT OF LAND AT CROSSGATES, LAMPLUGH
Proposal	OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF A FOUR BEDROOMED HOUSE (LOCAL NEED)
Decision	Site Visit
Decision Date	27 February 2013

Application Number	4/13/2031/0C1
Applicant	NDA Properties Ltd
Location	DUSTY MILLER INN, ALBION STREET, WHITEHAVEN
Proposal	CONSERVATION AREA CONSENT FOR DEMOLITION OF VACANT PUBLIC HOUSE
Decision	Authorise Delegated powers to Approve (subject to no additional material planning issues being raised within the consultation period)
Decision Date	15 March 2013

Application Number	4/12/2566/0F1
Applicant	Mr P Sherwen
Location	Land at Low Thorney Farm, Carleton, Egremont
Proposal	Installation of a Single 11kW Gaia Wind Turbine
Decision	Site Visit
Decision Date	27-Feb-13

Application Number	4/13/2030/0F1
Applicant	John Swift Homes Ltd
Location	The Old School, Main Street, Distington
Proposal	Demolition of Old School, The Retention & Refurbishment of the Clock Tower & the Erection of 15 No. Two Bedroomed Bungalows with Associated Landscaping & parking
Decision	Site Visit
Decision Date	27-Feb-13

Application Number	4/12/2541/-F1
Applicant	Adams Recreation Ground Committee
Location	Adams Recreation Ground, Beach Road, St Bees
Proposal	Improved Vehicle Access & Proposed Alterations to Car Park, Plus Construction of 8 New Houses
Decision	Defer
Decision Date	27 February 2013