

PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 MAY 2005

Present: Councillors Mrs J K Johnston (Chairman); M McVeigh (Deputy Chairman); Mrs J I Hully; J Jackson; F McPhillips; S Meter; G Scurrah; W Southward

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Docherty, Mrs Eastwood, Mrs Metherell.

Officers: M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; T Pomfret, Principal Planning Officer; M Sandelands, Planning Officer; J C Jewell, Member Services

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2005 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PP 71 Planning Appeal Decision

The Panel were informed of a recent appeal decision in respect of 64 Brisco Mount, Egremont which had been dismissed by the Inspector.

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

PP 72 Lake District National Park Authority Planning Consultations

A report was submitted which sought to agree a new protocol for responding to Lake District National Park Authority Planning Consultations.

RESOLVED – That (a) the Council ceases to provide consultation responses in relation to minor development in the Lake District National Park;

(b) the Council provides a detailed response in respect of the most significant Lake District National Park applications within Copeland; and

(c) the position be reviewed in twelve months time.

PP 73

Unauthorised Development, Poppybank Cottage (Formerly Rowlee Cottage), Nethertown

The Panel considered a report on a course of action in respect of unauthorised development at Poppybank Cottage, Nethertown.

RESOLVED – That an enforcement notice be issued to secure the installation of translucent glazing in the first floor gable window of Poppybank Cottage, Nethertown.

PP 74

Schedule of Planning Applications

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

4/05/2231/0 – Change of use to residential occupation of redundant farm buildings to create two dwellings Rothersyke Farm, Egremont – Approved.

4/05/2237/0 – Extension to form three dwellings Roseneath, Low Moresby, Whitehaven – Refused.

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 Principal Planning Officer dated 25 May 2005 and subject to:-

4/04/2432/0 – Demolition of former forge and erection of four bedroom residential dwelling The Forge, Scrap Yard, Cleator – That subject to the applicant entering into a Section 106 agreement planning permission be granted. (Councillor Mrs J Hully declared a personal interest in this application due to knowing the applicant.)

4/04/2634/0 – Erection of Food store (use Class A1) and associated parking, access and ancillary works land at Bransty Row, North Shore Road, Whitehaven. The Principal Planning Officer read the Panel a letter received from Morbaine Limited applicants for a foodstore development at Preston Street, Whitehaven, which requested that the Tesco application be deferred to enable both applications to be considered together at a subsequent meeting. The Panel refused the Morbaine request and agreed to consider the Tesco Stores application. It was reported that the Whitehaven Chamber of Trade had no objections to the Tesco application. It was agreed that the application be referred to the Secretary of State with a recommendation that the Council is

mindful to approve subject to the “two hour period” amended to “three hour period” in condition 5.

4/05/2031 – Application to fell one chestnut tree protected by a tree preservation order Chestnut House, The Groves, Hensingham, Whitehaven – Recommendation agreed, subject to the final sentence amended to read :- ‘However, a 20% crown reduction is deemed acceptable in the short term and is hereby authorised.’

4/05/2178/0 – Outline application for residential development site of former church, Preston Street, Whitehaven – Refused. (Councillor W Southward declared a personal interest in this application due to knowing the applicants.)

4/052231/0 – Change of use to residential occupation of redundant farm buildings to create two dwellings Rothersyke Farm, Egremont – Approved. (It was reported that comments had since been received from Lowside Quarter Parish Council who had no objections to the application.)

4/05/2243/0 – Replacement Beach Bungalow Solway View, Coulderton, Nr Egremont – That permission be granted. It was reported that comments had been received from Lowside Quarter Parish Council who had no objections.

4/05/2259/0 – House plot 321, Moresby Parks, Whitehaven – Approved. (Councillor M McViegh declared a personal interest in this application due to knowing the applicant.)

4/05/2264/0 – Discharge of section 106 Agreement in respect of New Barn Ashern, Cringlethwaite, Egremont – That the Section 106 agreement dated 28 April 1995 be discharged. (Councillor Meter declared a prejudicial interest in this application due to his granddaughter being one of the applicants, and left the room during its consideration.)

4/05/2274/0 – Re-roofing existing building using an apex roof builders yard, Bridge End, Egremont – Approved. It was reported that Egremont Town Council had written with no objections to the application.

4/05/2249/0 – Re-landscaping of roundabout junction of A595, up to hospital, Hensingham, Whitehaven – That Full Council be recommended to grant planning permission. (Councillor Mrs J K Johnston declared a personal interest in this application as

Chairman of Whitehaven in Bloom who commissioned the landscaping scheme.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm

Chairman