

PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2008

Councillors M McVeigh (Chairman); W Southward (Deputy Chairman); Mrs M Docherty; Mrs J Hully; A Jacob; G Garrity; J Bowman and Mrs J Williams.

Apologies for absence: Councillors A Carroll; J Jackson and D Wilson

Officers: T Pomfret, Development Services Manager; H Morrison, Senior Planning Officer; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also present: Councillors H Wormstrup; Mrs Y Clarkson; A Norwood; G Sunderland and J Kane

PP01 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2008 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PP02 Planning Applications

(Note: Personal Interests in application 4/08/2107/0 – Proposed Extensions & Alterations to Provide Independent Self Supportive Care Units, New Kitchen/Laundry/Boiler Room Facilities and Enlarged Dining & Lounge Facilities with New Car Park and Access Road at Johnson House, Hillcrest Avenue, Hillcrest, Whitehaven - were declared by Councillors Southward, Hully and Garrity due to knowing the objector.

A Prejudicial Interest in application 4/08/2120/0 – Alteration to Existing Asphalt Playground To Form Multi-Purpose Sports Surface and Associated Floodlighting for School, After School Clubs & Community Use at Saints Gregory & Patrick, Catholic Infant School, Esk Avenue, Whitehaven - was declared by Councillor Mrs M Docherty due to her being a Governor at the School and left the room during discussion of this item.

A Personal Interest in application 4/08/2120/0 – Alteration to Existing Asphalt Playground To Form Multi-Purpose Sports Surface and Associated Floodlighting for School, After School Clubs & Community Use at Saints Gregory & Patrick, Catholic Infant School, Esk Avenue, Whitehaven - was declared by Councillor Mrs J Hully due to a relative attending the School.

Personal Interests in application 4/08/2135/0 – Change of Use from Former School Premise & House to Residential, To Provide 10 No Two Bedroomed Dwellings at Eaglesfield, Beach Road, St Bees - were declared by Councillors Southward and Hully due to knowing the objector.

A Personal Interest in application 4/08/2155/0 – Change of Use From a Coach House to 2 Bedroomed House and Erection of Garage/Covered Way Extension at The Coach House, Cleator Gate, Cleator Cumbria - was declared by Councillor Mrs J Hully due to her knowing the Objector and being a member of Cleator Moor Town Council.

Personal Interests in application 4/08/2189/0 – Two Storey Modular Building To Serve As Office Accommodation at Sellafield, Seascale - were declared by Councillors Mrs J Hully, W Southward and M McVeigh due to having friends or relatives employed at Sellafield.

A Personal Interest in application 4/08/2198/0 – Erection of a Condenser to the Rear Wall and Screen at Co-op Food Store, 53 Main Street, Distington, Cumbria - was declared by Councillor Mrs J Williams, due to her shopping at the store and by Councillor Bowman, due to being the Chairman of Distington Parish Council.

Personal Interests in application 4/08/9004/0 – Excavation of Spoil to Enable Proposed Future Construction Of An Import/Export Facility & Potential Future Additional Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste Storage Building on Land at Sellafield Site, Seascale - were declared by Councillors Mrs J Hully, W Southward and M McVeigh due to having friends or relatives employed at Sellafield.

Personal Interests in application 4/08/9005/0 – Outline Application for Erection of a Building For The Transit Of Containerised Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste on Land at Sellafield Site, Seascale - were declared by Councillors Mrs J Hully, W Southward and M McVeigh due to having friends or relatives employed at Sellafield.)

Due to members of the public being present (some of whom exercised their right to speak) the following applications were dealt with at this point of the meeting.

4/08/2100/0 – Replacement Dwelling. Greensyke Lodge, Lamplugh, Cumbria. - Approve.

4/08/2107/0 – Proposed Extensions & Alterations to Provide Independent Self Supportive Care Units, New Kitchen/Laundry/Boiler Room Facilities and Enlarged Dining & Lounge Facilities with New Car Park and Access Road at Johnson House, Hillcrest Avenue, Hillcrest, Whitehaven - Approve.

4/08/2117/0 – Proposed Demolition of Old Church, Erection of 3 Terraced Dwellings. Land Adjoining 129 Main Street, Frizington - Approve.

4/08/2120/0 – Alteration to Existing Asphalt Playground To Form Multi-Purpose Sports Surface and Associated Floodlighting for School, After School Clubs & Community Use at Saints Gregory & Patrick, Catholic Infant School, Esk Avenue, Whitehaven – Minded to Refuse.

4/08/2135/0 – Change of Use from Former School Premise & House to Residential, To Provide 10 No Two Bedroomed Dwellings at Eaglesfield, Beach Road, St Bees – Approve subject to the amendment of the following condition:-

2. “Permission shall relate only to the amended plans (Drawing Nos 397/01B; /03A; /04A; /05A; /06A; /08A; 09A and the 1:500 scale block plan) received by the Local Planning Authority on 13, 14 and 27 May 2008.”

4/08/2155/0 – Change of Use From a Coach House to 2 Bedroomed House and Erection of Garage/Covered Way Extension at The Coach House, Cleator Gate, Cleator Cumbria – Defer for Site Visit.

4/08/2207/0 – Creation of Two Additional Units Within Existing Barn Conversion at 2/3 The Barns, Whitehow Head, Haile, Egremont, Cumbria - Approve.

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 Services Manager dated 28 May 2008.

PP03

Time Limit on Meetings

During consideration of Applications, the time limit on meetings was reached. In accordance with Standing Order 13.1.a, it was moved, duly seconded and;

RESOLVED to continue in the normal manner and complete the business remaining on the agenda.

PP04 **Planning Appeal Decision**

Members were informed of the Planning Inspector's decision to ALLOW an appeal in respect of an application for a wind farm at Fairfield Farm, Pica, Whitehaven, Cumbria.

RESOLVED – that the decision be noted in the context of the Council's Local Plan Policies and also in relation to performance monitoring

PP05 **Planning Summer School – St Andrews 2008**

Members were informed of the Planning Summer School to be held 29 August to 2 September 2008 at The University of St Andrews.

RESOLVED – that two members of the Planning Panel would be attending the Planning Summer School and the names of the nominees be provided to the Development Services Manager.

PP06 **Planning Appeal Decision**

Members were informed of the outcome of a recent Planning Appeal in respect of an outline application in respect of land adjoining 9 Alder Close, Whitehaven, Cumbria.

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.

The meeting Closed at 5:25pm

Chairman