

PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 5:00PM IN THE BAINBRIDGE ROOM, THE COPELAND CENTRE.

Present: Councillors Geoff Blackwell (Chairman); Margarita Docherty; Geoff Garrity; Stephen Haraldsen; Keith Hitchen; Joan Hully; John Jackson; Alan Jacob and Michael McVeigh.

Apologies for absence: Councillors Jackie Bowman and John Park.

Officers: Tony Pomfret, Development Control Manager; Simon Blacker, Development Control Officer and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

PP35/11 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PP36/11 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Joan Hully declared a personal interest in Application 4/11/2383/OF1 – New planning permission to replace an extant permission to extend time limit for implementation – 4/08/2343/001 Renewal of outline permission for 12 residential dwellings at Aldby Garage, Aldby Lane, Ennerdale Road, Cleator Moor due to being a Cleator Moor Town Councillor.

Councillor Keith Hitchen declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 – Notification and Consultation on a County Waste Matter. Planning Application at the Low Level waste Repository, near Drigg, Holmrook, Cumbria (Ref 4/11/9007/OF2) due to being a resident of Holmrook.

Councillor Alan Jacob declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 13 – Lake District National Park Authority Planning Application Consultation due to being the Ward Member.

PP37/11 **Order of Agenda Items**

With the permission of the Chairman, an additional item was added to the agenda, being Item 13 - Lake District National Park Authority Planning Application Consultation.

PP38/11 **Planning Applications**

The 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 Development Control Manager dated 14 September 2011.

PP39/11 **Planning Appeal Decision**

Members were informed of the outcome of a recent Appeal decision on a site at Lidl UK, Bridges Retail Park, Whitehaven, Cumbria.

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

PP40/11 **Planning Appeal Decision**

Members were informed of the outcome of a recent Appeal decision in respect of a site at Fairladies Farm, Egremont, Cumbria, CA22 2TZ.

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

PP41/11 **Progress Update on the Development of the Former White School site at Kells, Whitehaven (Reference 04/10/2127/O01)**

Members were updated on the progress of development on the former White School site at Kells, Whitehaven, Cumbria.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

PP42/11 **Notification and Consultation on a County Waste Matter. Planning Application at the Low Level Waste Repository, near Drigg, Holmrook, Cumbria (Reference 4/11/9007/OF2)**

Members were notified of a major planning application at the Low Level Waste Repository near Drigg, Holmrook.

It was recommended that due to the scale and significance of the proposed development in both environmental and economic terms, all Councillors be afforded the opportunity for an accompanied site visit when the proposals can be fully explained prior to a formal response to Cumbria County Council.

RESOLVED – That the application be noted and all Councillors be afforded the opportunity for an accompanied site visit when the proposals can be fully explained prior to a formal response to Cumbria County Council.

PP43/11 **Draft National Planning Policy Framework**

The Development Control Manager provided Members with an overview of the draft National Planning Policy Framework and focussed on an extract regarding Development Management.

Member's comments were then invited.

During the discussion that followed, it was suggested that :

- the involvement of Ward Members at Development Management meetings in respect of major development proposals would be welcomed,
- formal recording of the pre-application process be commenced as this could demonstrate it's success, and
- this Council's 'best practice' be shared with the Lake District National Park Authority.

PP44/11 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

It was proposed by Councillor Joan Hully, seconded and duly

RESOLVED - That pursuant to Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds of likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PP45/11 **Proposed Tree Preservation Order (TPO)**

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval to confirm the designation of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on an area of ancient woodland at Stubsgill Beck, Distington, Cumbria.

RESOLVED – That the designation of a Tree Preservation Order on woodland at Stubsgill Beck, Distington, Cumbria be confirmed.

In Public

PP46/11 **Lake District National Park Authority Planning Application Consultation**

Members were informed of a planning application consultation received from the Lake District National Park Authority regarding a proposed change of use of Harecroft Hall, Gosforth, Seascale, Cumbria.

RESOLVED – That a reply be forwarded to the Lake District National Park Authority fully supporting the application and stating the relevant policy (TSM3) of the adopted Copeland Local Plan 2001-2016.

PP47/11 **Planning Panel Site Visits**

It was noted that there was one Site Visit resulting from the meeting, being at High Thorney, Carleton, Egremont.

RESOLVED – that the Site Visit be arranged for Wednesday 28 September 2011. Members to meet outside the Park Head Public House, Thornhill at 10:00am.

The meeting closed at 6:10 pm

Chairman

Date