

PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 APRIL 2009 at 2:00pm

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

Apologies for absence: Councillor D Wilson.

Officers: T Pomfret, Development Services Manager; N Hayhurst, Senior Development Control Officer; R Carroll, Planning Officer; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

PP73 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2009 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

PP74 Declarations of Interest

Councillor G Garrity declared a Personal Interest in application **4/09/2121/0** – Use of Units as a Dental Surgery as Variation to 4/07/2598/OF1 at Unit 3 & 4, Pears House, Millennium Way, Quayside, Whitehaven, Cumbria due to being a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Task and Finish Group looking at Dentist Provision in Copeland.

Councillor W Southward declared a Personal Interest in application **4/09/2079/0** – Erection of 2.7 metres high Security Fence at Former Coal Yard, Solway Road, Kells, Whitehaven due to knowing the Applicant's family.

Councillor Mrs J Hully declared a Personal Interest in all applications relating to Nuclear sites due to having family members employed in the nuclear industry.

Mr C Willoughby declared a personal interest in applications **4/09/2100/0** – Replacement Garage – Retrospective (Resubmission) at Garage 'C', Off Lingmell Crescent, Seascale, Cumbria; **4/09/2117/0** - Double Garage and Concrete Shed at 64 Gosforth Road, Seascale, Cumbria and **4/09/2095/0** – Conversion of Disused Barn to Dwelling at Whitriggs Farm, Drigg Road, Seascale, Cumbria due to being a Seascale Parish Councillor.

Planning Applications

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

4/09/2079/0 – Erection of 2.7 metres high Security Fence at Former Coal Yard, Solway Road, Kells, Whitehaven

During discussion of this item Mr E Reed and Ms Y Sougnez spoke in objection to the application. The Applicant, Miss C Fry, exercised her right to respond.

RESOLVED that the application be Refused and the appropriate Enforcement Action be authorised.

4/09/2121/0 – Use of Units as a Dental Surgery as Variation to 4/07/2598/OF1 at Unit 3 & 4, Pears House, Millennium Way, Quayside, Whitehaven, Cumbria

RESOLVED that the application be Approved.

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 Services Manager dated 29 April 2009 and subject to:

4/09/2095/0 – Conversion of Disused Barn to Dwelling at Whitriggs Farm, Drigg Road, Seascale, Cumbria

RESOLVED that the application be Approved subject to the amendment of the following condition:-

“6. Before the dwelling is occupied the existing access to the highway shall be permanently closed as a vehicular access and reinstated for pedestrian use only, in accordance with the amended plans received by the Local Planning Authority on 21 April 2009.

Reason for the condition: In the interests of highway and pedestrian safety.”

PP76 Development Control Performance Monitoring

Members were informed of the Development Control Performance in 2008/09 against national Best Value Performance Indicators.

Members noted that Development Control had achieved Top Quartile in all categories and the Department was congratulated.

RESOLVED – That the Development Control Performance update for 2008/09 be noted.

PP77 Planning Panel Site Visit

It was noted that there were five Site Visits resulting from the meeting, being The former Bus Station and Bus Depot, Bransty Row and Wellington Row, Whitehaven; Bridge End Industrial Estate, Egremont; Lingmell Crescent, Seascale and Gosforth Road, Seascale.

RESOLVED – that the Site Visit be arranged for Wednesday 13 May 2009. Members departing at 9:30am from the Copeland Centre.

PP78 Vote of thanks

As this was the final meeting of the Planning Panel to be chaired by Councillor M McVeigh it was agreed that the Panel thank him for chairing with fairness, discretion and humour.

The meeting Closed at 2:45pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE PLANNING PANEL ON 29 APRIL 2009

App no	Applicant	Location	Proposal	Decision
4/09/2069/0	Miss B Haywood	Orchard Brow Barn, Haile, Egremont	Barn Conversion	Refused, Enforcement Action also sanctioned
4/09/2079/0	C F Ceilings Ltd	Former Coal Yard, Solway Road, Kells, Whitehaven	Erection of 2.7 metres high security fence	Refused, Enforcement Action also sanctioned
4/09/2095/0	Mr Taylor	Whitriggs Farm, Drigg Road, Seascale	Conversion of disused barn to dwelling	Approved
4/09/2097/0	Pelican Service Station	Pelican Service Station, Loop Road North, Whitehaven	2 No. internally illuminated free standing double sided display units	Refused Advertisement Consent
4/09/2100/0	Miss C Weston	Garage 'C' off Lingmell Crescent, Seascale	Replacement garage – retrospective (resubmission)	Site Visit
4/09/2102/0	Whitehaven Marina	Bus Station, Bransty Row, Whitehaven	Outline application for demolition of former bus station to develop 63 residential apartments & 71 residents parking spaces	Site Visit
4/09/2105/0	Samaritans	23 Church Street, Whitehaven	Erection of awning on front of building	Refused
4/09/2117/0	Mrs S Minnikin	64 Gosforth Road, Seascale	Double garage and concrete shed	Site Visit
4/09/2119/0	Whitehaven Marina	Bus Depot, Bransty Row, Wellington Row, Whitehaven	Outline application for demolition of former bus depot, Bransty Row and former garages, Wellington Row to create 67 residential apartments & A1, A3, A4 & A5 use at Bransty Row plus 66 residents car parking spaces at Wellington Row	Site Visit
4/09/2121/0	Oasis Dental Care Ltd	Units 3 & 4 Pears House, Millennium Way, Quayside, Whitehaven	Use of units as a dental surgery as variation to 4/07/2598/0F1	Approved
4/09/2134/0	James Fisher Nuclear Ltd	Site adjacent to Unit 10 Bridge End Industrial Estate, Egremont	Construction of a new Rig Hall & office accommodation	Site Visit