



PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Applications Committee
held in the Meeching Hall, Fort Road, Newhaven,
on **Tuesday 20th July 2010** at **7.30pm**.

PRESENT: Councillors Steve Saunders (Chair)
Pat Ost (Vice Chair)
Graham Amy
Diana Conyers
Ann Giles
Maurice Langham
Rod Main

ALSO ATTENDING: Ian Everest, Town Clerk
Jacky Cole, Assistant Town Clerk
Approximately 7 members of the public

P315/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Adams, Cynthia Kennedy and Angela Simmons.

P316/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Pat Ost declared personal and prejudicial interests in applications LW/642/CM and LW/641/CM due to his role as a member of the East Sussex County Council Planning Applications Committee that will decide these applications in due course. He announced that he would exercise his right under the Code of Conduct to speak about LW/642/CM to assist the committee to put this application into context.

P317/10 PETITIONS/PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

P318/10 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 29th June 2010 were considered.

RESOLVED:

That these Minutes be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the proceedings.

P319/10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the following planning applications:-

- LW/10/0604 49 St Leonards Close, Denton**
Section 73A Retrospective application for the retention of a 1.8m high boundary fence and continued use of land as residential curtilage for Mr R Davy
- RESOLVED:**
The committee raised no objections to this application.
- LW/10/0807 Land adjacent 56 Park Drive Close, Denton**
Erection of three bedroom end of terrace house for Mr S Ford
- RESOLVED:**
The committee raised no objections to this application.
- LW/642/CM Newhaven Household Waste Recycling Site, Lewes Road**
Continued use of the Newhaven Household Waste Recycling Site for 12 months for East Sussex County Council
- Councillor Pat Ost explained that this application had arisen because of delays that had occurred in acquiring the proposed new site, which has meant that the old site will continue to be needed whilst the new site is sorted out.
- Councillor Ost then left the room and took no further part in the debate or vote on this item, or on the following item.
- RESOLVED:**
The committee expressed concern that it should be necessary to continue to use the existing site for another 12 months, especially in view of the severe traffic problems created by the site in the area of the Valley Road/Lewes Road junction which give rise to large numbers of complaints from local residents.
- If the site is to be used for another 12 months the committee will ask ESCC to mark out a box junction to prevent Lewes Road being blocked by queuing traffic when the site is temporarily closed and to also install two passing places in the grass verge on the southern side of Valley Road to ease congestion there.
- The committee will also ask that this application should be discussed by the Lewes District Council planning applications committee, rather than commented on by officers.
- LW/641/CM North Quay Road, Newhaven**
Construction of transformer housing and provision of additional landscaping area to north-eastern boundary for the Newhaven ERF
- RESOLVED:**
The committee felt strongly that East Sussex County Council has not listened to any of their previous concerns about the site of the Newhaven Incinerator and hoped, but felt little confidence, that they will be listened to on this occasion.

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LW/641/CM The committee objected to this application on the following
Continued ... grounds:

- It should not be necessary for additional applications to arise in connection with this development before it has even been built – this is evidence that the original plans were not adequately thought out.
- Newhaven Town Council pointed out at the time of the original application for the incinerator that no provision had been made to connect the “Energy Recovery Facility” to the National Grid, thereby making it impossible for energy to be recovered from the waste being burnt in the incinerator. It would appear that the present application has arisen because this issue was not addressed at that time.
- The incinerator site is surrounded on three sides by the new South Downs National Park and insufficient attention has been paid to its impact on views from the Park and from the town. Whilst the committee welcomed additional landscaping it felt that more should be provided on all sides of the site and that the site should be made to resemble the artist’s impression which was widely publicised at the time of the original application.

Councillor Pat Ost returned to the room

Tree Works 11 Piddinghoe Mead

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Remove secondary growth on various trees on southern (garden) side (W1 of the Order G1 on the Plan). Crown lift two selected low branches of Sycamore, which affect the bus shelter (T9 of the Order G2 on the Plan). Fell and replace Sycamore (T11 of the Order G3 on the Plan).

RESOLVED:

The committee raised no objections to this application.

P320/10 PLANNING DECISIONS

The Committee noted a report on recent planning decisions by Lewes District Council.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Date:

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Chairman