

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee held at Online via the zoom app on 29 July 2020

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The meeting started at 10.00 am and ended at 12.50 pm. The meeting adjourned at 12.00pm and reconvened at 12.15pm.

137 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 22 July 2020 were confirmed as a true record.

138 Declarations of interest

Minute 140. 19/2834/OUT & 20/0482/RES (Minor) - WEST HILL & AYLESBEARE.
Councillor Geoff Pratt, Personal, Member of Ottery St Mary and West Hill Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

Minute 141. 19/2724/FUL (Minor) - BROADCLYST.
Councillor Eileen Wragg, Personal, Had attended a site visit in her capacity of former Devon County Councillor whilst a member of the Development Management Committee.

Minute 144. 19/2832/MFUL (Major) - WEST HILL & AYLESBEARE.
Councillor Jess Bailey, Personal, Known to the public speaker objecting against the application.

139 Annual Appeals Report

The Development Manager advised Members the Council had received 52 appeals decisions from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 with 39 appeals dismissed and 13 allowed. Members noted that the majority of appeals had been determined by written representations including 1 Informal Hearing and 1 Inquiry.

The Development Manager was pleased to report the council had received a 75% success rate which was greater than the national average

The Development Manager also reported there were no particular trends for Members to note but emphasised it was becoming more difficult to refuse house extensions if there was anything less than great adverse harm.

The Development Manager updated Members on the cost implications and referred to 6 applications for full awards of appeals costs. Members noted 5 applications had been refused and their attention was drawn to the one award for costs which related to King Alfred Way, Newton Poppleford. The Inspectorate had awarded costs against the council in the region of £5,000.

In response Councillor Key advised Members to consider the advice from existing experienced members. Councillor Pook advised Members that although Members should be mindful of Officer recommendations Members should not be afraid to refuse applications.

140 **19/2834/OUT & 20/0482/RES (Minor) - WEST HILL & AYLESBEARE**

Applicant:

Mr E Flowers.

Location:

Hasta La Vista, Windmill Lane, West Hill, Ottery St Mary, EX11 1JP.

Proposal:

(19/2834/OUT) Outline application for the construction of a single dwelling house with all matters reserved.

(20/0482/RES) Application for approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for the construction of a new dwelling house pursuant to outline planning permission 16/2517/OUT.

RESOLVED:

(19/2834/OUT) Approved as per Officer recommendation.

(20/0482/RES) Approved as per Officer recommendation.

141 **19/2724/FUL (Minor) - BROADCLYST**

Applicant:

Mr Neil Thomas (RMD Kwikform Ltd.)

Location:

Land East Of Hill Barton Business Park, Farringdon.

Proposal:

Change of use from landfill to a storage yard for the hire and sale of construction material (B8 storage and distribution), incorporating the construction of a warehouse and single storey office building (retrospective application).

RESOLVED:

Approved as per Officer recommendation.

142 **20/0393/OUT (Minor) - SIDMOUTH SIDFORD**

Applicant:

Mrs Hayman, Mrs Greenslade and Mr Churchill.

Location:

Land North Of Manstone Avenue, Sidmouth.

Proposal:

Construction of 7 dwellings (outline application with all matters reserved).

RESOLVED:

Approved as per Officer recommendation.

143 **20/0550/MOUT (Major) - TALE VALE**

Applicant:

Mr R Leach.

Location:

Slade Barton, Payhembury, Honiton, EX14 3HR.

Proposal:

Outline planning application with all matters reserved for redevelopment of the existing farmyard and business units to provide: up to 9 dwellings, 480 sq. metres B1(a) and B2 floor space and farm office, meeting room, workshop and garage; village car park and parking for existing dwellings; and associated infrastructure.

RESOLVED:

Approved contrary to Officer recommendation subject to S.106 agreement to secure a financial contribution towards off-site affordable housing and subject to conditions. Conditions delegated to the Development Manager in consultation with the Ward Member.

Members considered that the benefits from the proposal in terms of the employment benefits, provision of local housing, tidying up a key site in the centre of the village, provision of car park and financial contribution towards affordable housing outweighed any harm from the proposal and lack of planning policy support to the development in principle.

144 **19/2832/MFUL (Major) - WEST HILL & AYLESBEARE**

Applicant:

Mr H House (Spring Che Ltd.)

Location:

Land To The South Of Rockbeare Hill, Marsh Green.

Proposal:

Proposed solar farm with an approximate design capacity of 15 MW with permission being required for 40 years, comprising solar arrays, equipment housing, sub-station, fencing, CCTV and ancillary equipment.

RESOLVED:

Approved as per Officer recommendation.

Attendance List

Councillors present (for some or all the meeting):

E Wragg (Chairman)

S Chamberlain (Vice-Chairman)

C Brown

O Davey

S Gazzard

D Key

G Pratt

B De Saram

G Pook

P Skinner

J Whibley
A Colman
T Woodward

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

J Bailey

Officers in attendance:

Chris Rose, Development Manager
Shirley Shaw, Planning Barrister
Wendy Harris, Democratic Services Officer
Sarah Jenkins, Democratic Services Officer
Anita Williams, Principal Solicitor (and Deputy Monitoring Officer)

Councillor apologies:

M Howe
K McLauchlan
K Bloxham

Chairman

Date: