

**NORTH DEVON COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at the Rugby Club, Barnstaple on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor Ley (Chair)

Councillors Chesters, Edmunds, Flynn, Fowler, Lane, Leaver, Prowse, Spear, Tucker and Yabsley.

Officers:

Chief Planning Officer, Senior Planning Officer (TB), Senior Planning Officer (JP) (for minute 7 only), Solicitor (DH) and Senior Corporate and Community Services Officer (BT).

**1 WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Caroline Leaver to her first meeting of the Committee.

**2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bonds, Croft, Wood and Worden.

**3 MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 (circulated previously) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**4 ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CHAIRMAN**

(a) North Devon and Torridge Local Plan

The Chief Planning Officer provided the Committee with an update regarding the timetable for the adoption of the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan. He advised that the six week consultation period ended this week and the Inspector would take into account any representations received. The Inspector would then arrive at a view and may invite views from North Devon and Torridge District Councils. The confidential draft report would then be issued to the Councils for fact checking. The report would then be finalised and it was hoped that the final report would be received by the end of May 2018. The Local Plan would then be presented to North Devon Council's Executive and Torridge District Council's Community and Resources Committee. The Joint Local Plan Working Group at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018 could consider whether a joint Council meeting would be required to

consider the adoption of the Local Plan. Following the formal adoption of the Local Plan, there was a six week period for a High Court challenge. Thereafter, the Council would be required to review the Local Plan every five years in accordance with recently published regulations.

(b) National Planning Policy Framework – Government consultation

The Chief Planning Officer advised that the Government was currently consulting on a revised National Planning Policy Framework which ends on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018. He outlined the main points contained within the consultation paper to the Committee. He advised that a draft response had been prepared on behalf of the Council to the District Councils' Network (DCN) which had been presented to the Leader of the Council for consideration. He would seek confirmation from the Leader of the Council as to whether the draft response could be circulated to the Committee for information.

**5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest was announced:

Councillor Fowler Planning application 64472: Personal interest as a potential director of the Community Interest Group that would be running the facility.

**6 64382: EXTENSION TO DWELLING AND ERECTION OF FENCE (AMENDED PLANS), 36 THE FAIRWAY, BRAUNTON, EX33 1DZ**

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Planning Officer (circulated previously – now appended).

RESOLVED (unanimous) that the application be APPROVED as recommended by the Chief Planning Officer.

**7 64472: APPLICATION UNDER REGULATION 3 OF THE T AND C P GENERAL REGULATIONS 1992 NOTIFICATION BY NORTH DEVON COUNCIL FOR ERECTION OF NEW MULTI PURPOSE WATERSPORTS CENTRE WITH BOAT AND EQUIPMENT STORAGE FACILITIES, SHOWERS, CHANGING ROOMS, TEACHING SPACE AND CAFÉ AND PURPOSE BUILT SLIPWAY (RESUBMISSION OF 57487 WITH AMENDED SLIPWAY DESIGN), ILFRACOMBE WATERSPORTS CENTRE, LARKSTONE LANE, ILFRACOMBE, EX34 9FQ**

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Planning Officer (circulated previously – now appended).

The Senior Planning Officer (JP) reported the receipt of one late letter of representation received and summarised the points raised within the letter regarding the loss of trees and wildlife, viability of the café, safety concern, loss of beach and how it would be maintained by North Devon Council.

RESOLVED (unanimous) that the application be APPROVED as recommended by the Chief Planning Officer.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 11.01 a.m.

**NOTE:** These minutes will be confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting of the Committee.