

**NORTH DEVON COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of Planning Committee held at Barum Room - Brynsworthy on Wednesday, 3rd April, 2024 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor Davies (Chair)

Councillors Bishop, Bulled, Denton, Haworth-Booth, Lane, C Leaver, Maddocks, Prowse, L. Spear, Walker, Whitehead and Williams

Officers:

Service Manager (Development Management) and Solicitor

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. Knight and Prowse.

The Senior Corporate and Community Services Officer advised that Councillor Biederman had been appointed as a substitute for Councillor R. Knight, however he was not currently present at the meeting.

**2. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2024 (ATTACHED) AND 13TH MARCH 2024 (ATTACHED)**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 28 February 2024 and 13 March 2024 (circulated previously) be approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

**3. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE MEETING AS A MATTER OF URGENCY**

**(a) Training Session for Planning Committee Members**

The Chair reminded Members that a training session would be held following the Committee for Planning Committee Members.

**(b) Planning Committee Annual Site inspections**

The Chair advised that in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Planning Code of Conduct, the Committee were required to visit a sample of implemented planning permissions to assess the quality of the decisions and the development on an annual or more frequent basis to improve the quality and consistency of decision making.

The Service Manager advised that this had not been undertaken recently and there were a number of sites that had been proposed to the previous Chair of the Committee which could be considered. She suggested that the site inspections should take place during June 2024.

It was agreed that the Senior Corporate and Community Services Officer would email the Members of the Committee to check availability on Wednesdays during June 2024 and that the Service Manager formulate a list of proposed sites.

**4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The following declarations of interest were announced:

Councillor Davies – Planning applications 77868, 78239 and 78282 disclosable pecuniary interests as the agent for the applications.

**5. 77868: RIVERSIDE HOUSE NEWNHAM BRIDGE UMBERLEIGH  
DEVON EX37 9EU**

Councillor Davies re-declared disclosable pecuniary interests in planning applications 77868, 78239 and 78282 and left the room during the consideration thereof.

Councillor Lane took the Chair for these applications.

The Committee considered a report by the Planning Officer (DJ) regarding planning application 77868.

The Committee noted a typographical error on page 21 of the report, whereby it referred to a “recent Class Q Prior Approval” which was incorrect and a full planning application had been granted for the conversion of the workshop.

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

**6. 78239: RED LION CORNER, SOUTH MOLTON STREET,  
CHULMLEIGH**

The Committee considered a report by the Senior Planning Officer (JJ) regarding planning application 78239.

The Service Manager (Development Management) reported the receipt of an additional letter of representation that had been received since the publication of the

agenda. She outlined the points raised to the Committee and advised that these points had been raised previously and were addressed within the report and presentation.

In response to a question, the Service Manager (Development Management) advised that the notice boards would be located to the left of the bus shelter which was in a similar position as it was previously.

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

7. **78282: CHULMLEIGH PLAYING FIELD, LEIGH ROAD, CHULMLEIGH, DEVON, EX18 7JL**

The Committee considered a report by the Senior Planning Officer (DB) regarding planning application 78282 (circulated previously).

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

8. **APPEAL REPORT**

Councillor Davies returned to the meeting and took the Chair.

The Committee considered and noted the appeal report by the Planning Support Officer (circulated previously).

The Service Manager (Development Management) provided an update in relation to planning appeals 76913 and 76024.

The Service Manager (Development Management) requested that Members of the Committee email any suggestions for the annual site visit to enable a proposed timetable to be prepared in consultation with the Chair of the Committee.

9. **TO CONSIDER IF ANY PLANNING SITE INSPECTIONS ARE REQUIRED AND TO AGREE THE REASON(S) AND DATE(S) FOR THOSE INSPECTIONS TO BE HELD.**

There were no Planning Site Inspections required.

Chair

The meeting ended at 10.37 am

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

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