

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Planning Committee held at Barnstaple Rugby Club Main Room - Barnstaple Rugby Club on Wednesday, 12th December, 2018 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor Ley (Chairman)

Councillors Chesters, Bonds, Croft, Flynn, Gubb, Lane, Leaver, Mackie, Prowse, Spear, Tucker and Worden

Officers:

Head of Corporate and Community Services, Senior Solicitor, Lead Officer - Planning Policy and Lead Planning Officer (South Molton), Senior Corporate and Community Services Officer.

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Edmunds and Yabsley. Councillor Mackie had been appointed as a Substitute Member for Councillor Edmunds.

69. TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2018.

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

70. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Item 7: Councillor Lane declared a Disclosable Pecuniary and Prejudicial interest in the above application and left the meeting.

71. 65497: CONVERSION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING TO FORM LIVE/WORK UNIT (PART RETROSPECTIVE), DEER HAVEN, GREEN LANE, SWIMBRIDGE, BARNSTAPLE, EX32 0FF.

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Place (circulated previously – now appended).

Maria Bailey (agent), Steve Bird (applicant) and Tamar Venner (applicant's partner) addressed the Committee.

Councillor Luggar (Ward Member) addressed the Committee.

In response to a question, the Lead Planning Officer explained how the judgements had been reached against each criteria within policies ST10, DM05, DM14 and DM27 of the adopted Local Plan. She confirmed that no enforcement action had been taken on the unauthorised change of use from an agricultural building to an industrial use pending the result of the part retrospective planning application.

RESOLVED (unanimous) that the application be REFUSED as recommended by the Head of Place.

72. 65685: ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, LAND OFF BIRCH ROAD, LANDKEY.

Councillor Lane declared a Disclosable Pecuniary and Prejudicial interest in the above application and left the meeting.

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Place (circulated previously – now appended).

In response to a question, the Lead Planning Officer advised that as the site was located within 25 metres from a classified road, it was a full planning application and there would be no permitted development rights.

RESOLVED (unanimous) that the application be APPROVED as recommended by the Head of Place.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 10.35 am