

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Inspections Committee held at the Knowle, Sidmouth on Friday 8 August 2008

- Present:** Councillors:
Tony Reed (Chairman)
Helen Parr (Vice Chairman)
Iain Chubb
Ray Franklin
Ken George
Mark Williamson
- Officers:** Stephen Belli, Development Control Manager
Chris Lane, Democratic Services Officer
Rachel Pocock, Head of Legal, Licensing & Democratic Services
- Ward Members:** Councillor:
Malcolm Florey
- Apologies:** Councillors:
Derek Button
Geoff Chamberlain
Andrew Dinnis
Steve Hall
David Key

The meeting started at 3.45pm and ended at 5.00pm

*7 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Inspections Committee held on 11 July 2008 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

*8 **Applications referred to the Planning Inspections Committee**

The Committee considered applications and matters referred to it by the Development Control Committee. Members of the Planning Inspections Committee along with the Development Control Manager and Democratic Services Officer had informally visited the sites earlier that day.

The following decisions were made having taken into account the reports previously submitted to the Development Control Committee which had been brought to Members' attention, noted by them and updated during the site visits.

- (a) Otterhead: Application No: 06/F0005 –Oaklands Farm, Monkton – Mr and Mrs R Boote

- RESOLVED:** 1. that this item be deferred until the October meeting of the Development Control Committee, but in the meantime Officers write to the owners requesting further full details of the proposed bank and more detailed planting scheme including full planting on top of the bank and full details of a maintenance schedule between the bank and the edge of the public highway including the culvert;

*6 **Applications referred to the Planning Inspections Committee (cont'd)**

(a) Otterhead: Application No: 06/F0005 (Enforcement) –Oaklands Farm, Monkton – Mr and Mrs R Boote (cont'd)

- RESOLVED:**
2. that the new planting scheme should indicate stopping up of the bank at its northern most point so that it joins up with the existing hedgerow boundaries with the Development Control Manager to write to the applicants requiring the details set out;
 3. that the Development Control Manager together with legal section consider the implications of removing the hedge and the requirements of the Hedgerow Regulations or alternative legal controls with regard to the permanent protection of a replacement hedgerow.

(b) East Budleigh: Application No: 36/F00027(Enforcement) – Land lying to the north of Oak Hill, East Budleigh; Property now called Brock House

- RESOLVED:**
1. that no further action be taken against the new dwelling and the wall and fence;
 2. that the Head of Legal, Licensing & Democratic Services be authorised to take enforcement action to remove the unauthorised garage on the grounds of impact on neighbouring properties, including its dominating effect, height, proximity and elevation and harm to neighbour amenity; period for compliance for the garage to be removed 6 months;
 3. that the removed horse chestnut with a TPO on it be replaced.

Chairman

Date