

# **EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Development Management Committee held at the Knowle, Sidmouth on Tuesday 2 June 2009**

- Present:** Councillors:  
Paul Diviani (Chairman)  
Andrew Dinnis (Vice Chairman)
- Ray Bloxham  
Bob Buxton  
Iain Chubb  
Mike Green  
Steve Hall  
Ann Liverton  
Helen Parr  
Pauline Stott  
Graham Troman
- Ward Members:** Councillors:  
Philip Skinner
- Also Present:** Councillor:  
Malcolm Florey, Business Champion
- Officers:** Stephen Belli, Development Manager  
Rachel Perram, Democratic Services Officer  
Andrew Seddon, Senior Solicitor
- Apologies:** Councillors:  
Geoff Chamberlain  
David Cox  
Ray Franklin  
Ken George

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm and ended at 4.55pm

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### **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Development Control Committee held on 5 and 19 May 2009, were agreed and signed as a true record.

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### **Exclusion of the Public**

#### **RESOLVED**

that the classification given to the documents to be submitted to the Committee, be confirmed, and that the reports relating to exempt information, be dealt with under Part B.

**\*3 Musbury Parish Plan**

The Development Manager congratulated Musbury on their plan, which was endorsed by the members of the Committee. Cllr Ian Chubb, Ward Member, added that there had been a great deal of work involved in the plan's production and residents should be thanked for their contribution.

- RESOLVED**
- 1 that the Musbury Parish Plan be endorsed and be used to inform decision making in the District and the production of the Local Development Framework.
  - 2 that the Musbury Parish Plan Steering Group be congratulated on their work.

**\*4 Section 106 Developer Contributions**

The Committee gave consideration to a report by the Section 106 Monitoring Officer. The Development Manager explained that the officer was now on maternity leave. Members of the Committee all extended their best wishes.

A Member congratulated the officer on her work and added that it would be very useful to have information on what money was available to be used in the towns and parishes in the district. The Development Manager would check to see whether this information was available.

- RESOLVED** that the Section 106 Developer Contributions report be noted.

**\*5 Applications determined under delegated powers**

The Committee received and noted the Schedule of Applications for Planning Permission which had been determined under delegated powers (Schedule 14 – 2008/2009 refers).

**\*6 Planning Appeal Statistics**

The Committee received and noted the report of the Head Planning and Countryside Services setting out appeals recently lodged and recent appeal decisions notified.

**\*7 Applications for Planning Permission and matters for determination**

- RESOLVED:** that the applications before the Committee be determined as set out in Schedule 14 – 2008/2009 (attached).

The following declaration of interest was made during consideration of applications:

<b>Councillor / Officer</b>	<b>Ref. App. Address</b>	<b>Type of interest (action taken)</b>	<b>Nature of interest</b>
Councillor Paul Diviani	09/0854/FUL	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was on the committee for Rural Development Programme, England and the Blackdown Hills Joint Advisory Committee.

\*8 **Exclusion of the Public**

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as exempt information, is likely to be disclosed and on balance the public interest is in discussing the items in private session (Part B).

\*9 **Pooh Cottage Caravan Site, Bear Lane, Budleigh Salterton**

Members of the Committee considered a report produced by the Senior Solicitor, in response to a number of complaints received from local residents regarding the use of land at the site for caravan rallies.

Members heard that there were many such rallies held at the site each year, which allowed for unlimited numbers of caravans and camper vans to use the site, in addition to a 'rally field' that otherwise fell outside the permitted boundaries for use.

'Exemption Certificates' for such rallies were granted by Natural England and could be withdrawn only following a specific request to that body.

Complaints from local residents referred to high levels of nuisance and said that the campsite lacked the necessary infrastructure to deal with such volumes of customers. They believed that additional controls needed to be in place.

Members agreed that they were keen to resolve issues with the owners of the site.

- RESOLVED**
- 1 that Members authorise a request to be made to Natural England to withdraw the exemption certificate under para.6, Schedule 1 CSCDA in respect of Pooh Cottage Caravan Site; and, in the event of an order under para.13, Schedule 1 CSCDA being approved, that the Head of Legal, Licensing and Democratic Services be authorized to advertise details of the order in accordance with the legislation.
  - 2 that a meeting of Officers, Ward Members and relevant representatives be convened with the owners of Pooh Cottage Caravan Site to consider the history of the site and to agree an action plan for the future.

Chairman ..... Date.....