

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Development Control Committee held at the Knowle, Sidmouth on Tuesday 5 May 2009

Present:

Councillors:
Tony Reed (Chairman)
Andrew Dinnis (Vice Chairman)

Derek Button
Bob Buxton
Geoff Chamberlain
Iain Chubb
Ray Franklin
Ken George
Mike Green
Ann Liverton
Graham Troman
Mark Williamson

Ward Members:

Councillors:
Roger Giles
Stephanie Jones
Jim Knight
Bob Peachey
Philip Skinner

Also Present:

Councillor:
Paul Diviani
Malcolm Florey, Business Champion

Officers:

John Golding, Head of Housing and Social Inclusion
Nigel Harrison, Economic Development Manager
Kate Little, Head of Planning and Countryside Services
Paul Lowe, Housing Enabling Officer
Andrew Seddon, Senior Solicitor
Diana Vernon, Democratic Services Manager

Apologies:

Councillors:
David Cox
Steve Hall
Margaret Rogers
Tim Wood

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm and ended at 6.10pm

***77 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 7 April 2009, were agreed and signed as a true record.

***78 Crealy Adventure Park, Clyst St Mary – s106 Unilateral Undertaking**

The Chairman agreed for this item to be taken as a matter of urgency to address a discrepancy, explained at the meeting, in the s106 Unilateral Undertaking. The application for the construction of an acoustic tunnel and noise wall (mitigation measures for the existing roller coaster ride) had been determined at the meeting of the Development Control Committee on 10 March 2009. The application had been deferred to enable the applicant to supply the Council with an executed s106 Unilateral Undertaking, dealing with the timing of the proposed development, and the submission of a retrospective application to retain the existing roller coaster ride if required.

***78 Crealy Adventure Park, Clyst St Mary – s106 Unilateral Undertaking (cont)**

A time limit of one year was given for the commencement of the development but Members were now advised that this time limit should be extended to three years, for reasons given, as this would act as an incentive to the developer to carry out the work.

RESOLVED: that the condition in respect of permission for the construction of an acoustic tunnel and noise wall (mitigation measures for existing roller coaster ride) be amended so that development shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission and shall be carried out as approved.

***79 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. The Head of Planning and Countryside Services advised that the Council’s appeals success rate had improved and was now equivalent to the national average.

The Committee welcomed this improvement and Councillor Mark Williamson congratulated the teams involved.

***80 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 13 – 2008/2009 refers).

***81 Applications for Planning Permission and matters for determination**

RESOLVED: that the applications before the Committee be determined as set out in Schedule 13 – 2008/2009 (attached).

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

Councillor / Officer	Ref. App. Address	Type of interest (action taken)	Nature of interest
Councillor Iain Chubb	09/0179MFUL	Personal and prejudicial (left Chamber during discussion and voting)	Councillor has been dealing with the housing developer on another site.
Councillor Ann Liverton	09/0282/MOUT	Land between Hill Barton Industrial Estate and A3052, Farringdon.	Councillor has previously accepted hospitality from the owner of the Estate.

***82 Thank you from Chairman**

This was Councillor Reed’s last meeting as Chairman of the Development Control Committee. He thanked the Members of the Committee for their support. He said that he had enjoyed being Chairman and felt privileged to have served in this role. He believed that the Committee had worked well and achieved good results. In reply, Councillor Mike Green thanked Councillor Reed for his Chairmanship.

Chairman Date.....