

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Development Management Committee held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth on Tuesday 28 July 2009

Present:

Councillors:
Paul Diviani (Chairman)
Andrew Dinnis (Vice Chairman)

Ray Bloxham
Derek Button
Bob Buxton
Geoff Chamberlain
Iain Chubb
Ann Liverton
Pauline Stott
Graham Troman
Steve Wragg

Ward Members:

Councillors:
Graham Liverton
Frances Newth
Marion Olive
Bob Peachey

Also Present:

Councillor:
Philip Skinner, Member Champion -Rural Affairs

Officers:

Stephen Belli, Development Manager
Matt Dickins, Principal Planning Officer – Policy and Conservation
Kevin Francis, Solicitor
Christopher Holland, Democratic Services Officer
John Maidment, Planning Policy Manager

Apologies:

Councillors:
Jill Elson
Ray Franklin
Ken George
Mike Green
Steve Hall
Helen Parr

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm and ended at 5.12pm

***18 Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of the Development Management Committee held on 28 July 2009, were agreed and signed as a true record.

***19 Consultation Paper on a new Planning Policy Statement 4: Planning for Prosperous Economies**

Members gave consideration to the report of the Planning Policy Manager which advised Members of the publication of a Government Consultation Paper on a New Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 4: Planning for Prosperous Economies. The Consultation Paper sought views on combining all National Planning Policy Statements (PPSs) on economic development – in urban and rural areas, and town centres – into a single ‘consolidated’ PPS.

*19 **Consultation Paper on a new Planning Policy Statement 4: Planning for Prosperous Economies (cont'd)**

Members noted that the Ministerial Statement accompanying the publication of the Consultation Paper highlighted the need for the planning system to support the economic aspirations of both urban and rural communities. The Statement emphasised the need for development plans to have clear, proportionate and flexible policies aimed at supporting the start up and growth of businesses. It emphasised the need to protect existing investment in cities and towns by safeguarding the town centres, which were the bedrock of the economy. The Government agreed with the key finding of the Matthew Taylor review in that Local Planning Authorities needed a more subtle appreciation of what made rural areas sustainable.

Members were requested to give a formal response to the document.

RESOLVED: 1) that the Council welcomes:

- i. The recognition in the draft PPS4 of the need for the planning system to support the economic aspirations of both urban and rural communities.
- ii. The Government agreement with the key finding of the Matthew Taylor MP's review of rural housing and economy that we need a more subtle appreciation of what makes rural areas sustainable as is the recognition that economic sustainability is a prerequisite for social and environmental sustainability in both urban and rural contexts.

2) that the Council's response to the specific questions asked in the consultation paper be as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

*14 **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 3 – 2009/2010 refers).

*15 **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.

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

RESOLVED: that the applications before the Committee be determined as set out in Schedule 3 – 2009/2010 (attached).

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Applications for Planning Permission and matters for determination (cont'd)

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 Paul Diviani	09/0705/FUL & 09/0706/FUL Droughtwell Farm, Sheldon	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was the Chairman of the Blackdown Hills AONB Rural Partnership
Councillor Bob Buxton	09/0705/FUL & 09/0706/FUL Droughtwell Farm, Sheldon	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was a representative on the Blackdown Hills AONB Rural Partnership
Councillor Andrew Dinnis	09/0690/FUL & 09/0717/LBC	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was a business customer of applicant
Councillor Paul Diviani	09/0995/FUL Shute Garage, Axminster Road, Shute	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was the Chairman of the Blackdown Hills AONB Rural Partnership
Councillor Bob Buxton	09/0995/FUL Shute Garage, Axminster Road, Shute	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was a representative on the Blackdown Hills AONB Rural Partnership
Councillor Paul Diviani	09/1217/FUL & 09/1218/LBC 12 Cotford Road, Sidbury	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was the DCC representative on the East Devon AONB Partnership
Councillor Bob Buxton	09/1217/FUL & 09/1218/LBC 12 Cotford Road, Sidbury	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was a representative on the East Devon AONB Partnership

Chairman

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