

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Development Management Committee held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth on Tuesday 25 August 2009

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

Ray Bloxham
Derek Button
Bob Buxton
Geoff Chamberlain
Iain Chubb
Ray Franklin
Mike Green
Steve Hall
Helen Parr
Pauline Stott
Graham Troman
Steve Wragg

Ward Members: Councillors:
Vivienne Ash
Peter Bowden
Chris Gibbings
Douglas Hull
Frances Newth
Tony Reed

Also Present: Councillor:
Jill Elson – Portfolio Holder, Communities

Officers: Stephen Belli, Development Manager
Alan Breckon, Senior Planning Officer
Stephen Guy, Principal Conservation Officer
Christopher Holland, Democratic Services Officer
Kate Little, Head of Planning and Countryside Services
Andrew Seddon, Senior Solicitor

Apologies: Councillors:
Malcolm Florey
Ann Liverton

The meeting commenced at 2.00pm and ended at 5.45pm

***23 Minutes**

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

***24 Conservation Area Appraisals**

Members gave consideration to the report of the Principal Conservation Officer. It was noted that under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (background paper A) Local Planning Authorities had a duty to review their conservation areas from time to time to consider whether further designation of conservation areas was called for. Conservation Areas are areas of special architectural or historic interests the character of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance'. East Devon had 33 Conservation Areas. Draft appraisal documents were prepared ten years ago which outlined the characteristics and make-up of each Conservation Area.

*24 **Conservation Area Appraisals (cont'd)**

The draft appraisals identified the common vernacular styles and building materials and finishes, significant views within the Conservation Area and areas where the character had been lost. They provided a valuable snapshot in time of the character and appearance, and helped identify the changes that had taken place over the last ten years.

Members noted that the process of reviewing the existing 33 Conservation Areas and designating new areas was under way. Budleigh Salterton's Conservation Area had already been reviewed and published. Full reviews of Exmouth, Lypstone and Woodbury including Management Plans would be submitted to Development Management in the new year.

The purpose of the report was to seek endorsement of fourteen appraisals for the following conservation areas: Axminster, Colyton, Colyford, Gittisham, Honiton, Musbury, Ottery St Mary, Bickwell Valley, Sidbury, Sidford, Sidmouth, Sowton, Stockland and Whimple.

- RESOLVED:**
- 1) that the fourteen Conservation Area appraisals referred to in the report be endorsed for consultation with relevant Ward Members, Parish Councils and amenity groups.
 - 2) That delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning and Countryside Services to publish the documents (above) having incorporated any appropriate amendments.

*25 **Affordable housing – An Interim Way Forward**

Members gave consideration to the report of the Head of Planning and Countryside Services regarding future affordable housing policy. The report provided advice to Members and Officers in how to handle affordable housing schemes that may come forward in advance of a fresh Local Development Framework policy, and how to take into account the current difficult economic circumstances coupled with the Council's highest priority of providing affordable housing to those local people in need. The report contained recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

- RESOLVED:** that Members and Officers note the report and take forward schemes for affordable housing wherever possible.

*26 **Applications determined under delegated powers**

The Committee received and noted the Schedule of Applications for Planning Permission which had been determined under delegated powers as set out in Schedule 4 – 2009/2010 (attached).

*27 **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.

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

- RESOLVED:** that the applications before the Committee be determined as set out in Schedule 4 – 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/F0113 The Old Forge, Dunkeswell	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was the Chairman of the Blackdown Hills AONB Rural Partnership
Councillor Bob Buxton	09/F0113 The Old Forge, Dunkeswell	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was a representative on the Blackdown Hills AONB Rural Partnership
Councillor Paul Diviani	08/2711/FUL 23 Northview Road, Budleigh Salterton	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was the DCC nomination to the Jurassic Coast Interpretation Board panel
Councillor Ray Franklin	08/2711/FUL 23 Northview Road, Budleigh Salterton	Personal & Prejudicial (left chamber during discussion and voting)	Councillor was friends with direct neighbours to the application site
Councillor Paul Diviani	09/1231/FUL 96A Granary Lane, Budleigh Salterton	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was the DCC representative on the East Devon AONB Partnership
Councillor Paul Diviani	08/2537/FUL Longboat Cafe, Marine Parade, Budleigh Salterton	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was the DCC nomination to the Jurassic Coast Interpretation Board panel and was the DCC representative on the East Devon AONB Partnership
Councillor Bob Buxton	08/2537/FUL Longboat Cafe, Marine Parade, Budleigh Salterton	Personal (remained in Chamber to speak and vote)	Councillor was a representative on the Blackdown Hills AONB Rural Partnership

Chairman

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