

## **PLANNING PANEL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2020**

**Present:** Councillors Joan Hully (in the Chair), Doug Wilson, Jackie Bowman, Graham Calvin, Tom Higgins, Charles Maudling, Michael McVeigh, Steven Morgan, Graham Minshaw, Brian O'Kane and Russell Studholme.

**Officers:** Nick Hayhurst (Planning and Place Manager), Sarah Papaleo (Planning Officer), Christopher Harrison (Principal Planning Officer), Michaela Peet (Assistant Solicitor), Clive Willoughby (Democratic Services Officer) and Rose Blaney (Electoral Services Officer).

#### **PP 19/101    Apologies for absence**

There were no Apologies for Absence.

#### **PP 19/102    Declarations of Interests in Agenda Items:**

Councillors Joan Hully, Michael McVeigh and Brian O'Kane declared a non-pecuniary Interest in Application 4/19/2261/OR1 – Land at North Park, Rheda, Frizington due to knowing the applicant's agent, a former Copeland Officer.

Councillor Steven Morgan declared a non-pecuniary Interest in Applications 4/19/2261/OR1 – Land at North Park, Rheda, Frizington and 4/19/2397/OF1 – Land adjacent to Kirkland Road, Ennerdale Bridge due to being the Ward Councillor.

Councillor Charles Maudling declared a non-pecuniary Interest in Application 4/19/2142/OF1 – Former Zest Restaurant, Low Road, Whitehaven due to knowing a number of the objectors, and a pecuniary Interest in Application 4/18/2226/OL1 – 66 Lowther Street, Whitehaven due to his son being the applicant.

Councillor Joan Hully declared a non-pecuniary Interest in Application 4/20/2043/001 – Land at Trumpet Road, Cleator Moor due to being a Cleator Moor Town Councillor.

**PP 19/103     Minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2020**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2020 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**PP 19/104     Schedule of Applications**

Due to members of the public being present, the planning applications were taken in the following order.

**PP 19/105     Application 4/19/2261/OR1 - Land at North Park, Rheda, Frizington**

Councillor Brian O’Kane stated that as he had not been in attendance at the Site Visit held earlier in the day, he would not take part in the discussion or voting regarding this application, in accordance with the site visit protocol.

During discussion of this item Mr K Mayer, Mr J Lewin, Mr P Cottrell (on behalf of Mr J Benedicic and Mr M Knight), Mr J Lewin and Ms L Knox spoke in objection to the application.

A statement on behalf of Mr K McGough in objection to the application, was read out by the Principal Planning Officer.

The Applicant, Mr J Blue, and Applicant’s Agent, Mr S Blacker, then exercised their right to respond.

**RESOLVED** – that on a vote of 7 in favour, 3 against and 0 abstentions, the Reserved Matters application be Approved.

**PP 19/106     Application 4/19/2412/OF1 - Former Zest Restaurant, Low Road, Whitehaven**

Having declared an interest in this application, Councillor Charles Maudling left the room and took no part in the consideration of this application.

During discussion of this item Mr J Ryan, Mr G & Mrs R Harrison and Mrs Oliver spoke in objection to the application.

The Applicant, Ms J Park, then exercised her right to respond.

**RESOLVED** – that on a vote of 7 in favour, 3 against and 0 abstentions, the application be Approved, subject to the addition of the following conditions:

7. Prior to the first use of the development hereby approved, at least one disabled parking bay must be provided within the car park in accordance with details to be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The parking bay must be clearly marked and retained as such at all times thereafter.

Reason

In order to ensure the development is accessible for all.

8. Prior to the first use of the building hereby approved, a ramped access must be provided at the main entrance door. Once installed the ramp shall be retained as such at all times thereafter.

Reason

In order to ensure the building is accessible for all.

**PP 19/107     Application 4/18/2226/0L1 - 66 Lowther Street, Whitehaven**

Having declared a disclosable pecuniary interest, Councillor Charles Maudling left the room and took no part in the consideration of this application.

**RESOLVED** – that on a vote of 10 in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, the application for Listed Building Consent be Approved.

**PP 19/108     Application 4/19/2200/0O1 - Land at Midtown Farm, Morass Road, Beckermest**

**RESOLVED:-** On a unanimous vote that a site visit be undertaken to appraise all material planning considerations before determining the application.

**PP 19/109    Application 4/20/2025/OR1 - Plot 6, Harras Moor Road, Harras Moor, Whitehaven**

**RESOLVED** – that on a vote of 10 in favour, 1 against and 0 abstentions, the application be Approved, subject to the following additional condition:

- The finish floor levels of the dwelling must be constructed in accordance with the details set out on the approved site layout plan, reference 1/001B.

Reason

For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure a satisfactory form of development.

**PP 19/110    Application 4/20/2022/OF1 - Land to the north of Woodland Nurseries, Stamford Hill, Lowca**

**RESOLVED:-** On a unanimous vote that a site visit be undertaken to appraise all material planning considerations before determining the application.

**PP 19/111    Application 4/20/2043/001 - Land at Trumpet Road, Cleator Moor**

**RESOLVED:-** On a unanimous vote that a site visit be undertaken to appraise all material planning considerations before determining the application.

**PP 19/112    Schedule of Delegated Decisions**

**RESOLVED** – that the Schedule of Delegated Decisions from 11 February 2020 to 2 March 2020 be noted.

**PP 19/113     Development Management Quality Review**

Panel considered a report seeking agreement to carry out a review of recent Development Management decisions in the Borough in accordance with best practice.

**RESOLVED:-** That a review be undertaken on 13 May 2020 to look at recently completed/ongoing developments be agreed and any suggestions for relevant sites to visit be notified to the Planning and Place Manager.

**PP 19/114     Planning Panel Site Visits**

There were three site visits resulting from this meeting, being at Land at Midtown Farm, Morass Road, Beckermest; Land to the north of Woodland Nurseries, Stamford Hill, Lowca and Land at Trumpet Road, Cleator Moor.

**RESOLVED** – that site visits be arranged and Planning Panel members advised accordingly.

**PP 19/115     Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Planning Panel will be a special meeting to be held on Wednesday 1 April 2020 at 10:00am.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 April 2020 at 2:00pm, both meetings will be in The Bainbridge Room, The Copeland Centre, Catherine Street, Whitehaven.

**The Meeting closed at 4.20 pm**

Chair