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PLANNING PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2021

Present: Councillors Joan Hully Doug Wilson, Jackie Bowman, Graham Calvin, Tom Higgins, Charles Maudling, Michael McVeigh, Brian O'Kane and Russell Studholme.

Officers: Nick Hayhurst (Planning and Place Manager), Sarah Papaleo (Planning Officer), Clinton Boyce (Solicitor), Clive Willoughby (Democratic Services Officer) and Rose Blaney (Electoral and Democratic Services Officer).

PP 20/143 Minute's Silence

At the start of the meeting a minute's silence was observed in memory of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

PP 20/144 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ged McGrath and Graham Minshaw.

PP 20/145 Declarations of Interests in Agenda Items:

There were no Declarations of Interest made at this meeting.

PP 20/146 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2021

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2021.

A vote was then taken by way of a roll call.

On a vote of 7 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention, it was therefore:-

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meetings held on 17 March 2021 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

PP 20/147 Schedule of Applications

The planning applications were then taken in the following order.

PP 20/148 Application 4/21/2001/001 - Harras Dyke Farm, Harras Dyke, Whitehaven

The Outline Application for residential development of a single dwelling including details of access, was presented by the Planning Officer.

A vote was then taken, by way of a roll call.

The result of the vote was 8 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions.

RESOLVED – that the application be Approved in Outline.

PP 20/149 Schedule of Delegated Decisions

The Panel was notified of a number of delegated decisions made during the period 6 March 2021 to 1 April 2021.

RESOLVED – that the Schedule of Delegated Decisions from 6 March 2021 to 1 April 2021 be noted.

PP 20/150 Development Management Performance Monitoring

Members received the Development Management Performance figures for the fourth quarter of 2020/21 (1st January 2021 – 31st March 2021) against the National Performance Indicators.

Following a pause to allow for any Member to indicate otherwise, it was

RESOLVED – that the Development Management Performance Monitoring report be noted and the Planning team be thanked for their continued hard work, particularly in the present time with Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

PP 20/151 Planning Appeal Decision

Members were informed of the outcome of a recent Appeal decision in respect of Land off Arlecdon Parks Road, Frizington, Cumbria.

RESOLVED – that the decision to DISMISS the appeal be noted in the context of the Local Plan Policies and also in relation to performance monitoring.

PP 20/152 Review of Constitution - Planning Panel matters

Members considered some minor changes proposed to chapter 10 of the constitution relating to planning matters.

During the discussion, a number of points were raised, which the Solicitor agreed to look at further.

A vote was then taken, by way of a roll call.

The result of the vote was 9 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions.

RESOLVED – That the proposed changes to chapter 10 of the Constitution as set out in the supplementary agenda report be recommended to the Standards and Ethics Committee, then Council for approval subject to:

- a) Within the Decisions Contrary to Officer recommendations section, where a ‘Minded to’ decision is made, if the application has not been referred back to the panel by the third meeting, a holding report be presented.
- b) Within the Decisions contrary to Officer recommendations section, Point 6 be amended to read “In recording the resolutions on such application where members refuse planning permission against the Officer recommendation the minutes must set out a full, clear and detailed statement of the reasons for the departure from policy from each member voting to refuse. This will provide the basis of the Council’s defence to any appeal which may be lodged against refusal.

PP 20/153 Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meetings of the Planning Panel will be held on Wednesday 21 April 2021 at 10:00am and Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 2:00pm. These will be a virtual meetings.

The Meeting closed at 3.50 pm

Chair

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