



Minutes of a meeting of Planning and Licensing Committee held on Wednesday, 11 January 2023.

Councillors present:

Ray Brassington - Chair

Mark Harris

Sue Jepson

Patrick Coleman – Vice Chair

Julia Judd

Andrew Maclean

Dilys Neill

Gary Selwyn

Officers present:

Helen Blundell – Interim Head Of Legal Services

David Morren – Interim Development Management Manager

Harrison Bowley – Senior Planning Officer

Caleb Harris – Senior Democratic Services Manager

Ana Prelici – Democratic Services Officer

Wayne Smith – Democratic Services Officer

154 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors Clive Webster, Stephen Hirst and Stephen Trotter.

155 Substitute Members

Substitute Members of the Committee were, Councillors Stephen Andrews, Joe Harris, and David Cunningham.

156 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest from Members

There were no Declarations of Interest from Officers

157 Minutes

The Minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee meeting from 7 December 2022 were considered

RESOLVED The Committee agreed the Minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee meeting 7 December 2022 as an accurate record.

Voting Record – For 7, Against 0, Abstentions 4, Absent 0

158 Chair's Announcements (if any)

The Chair announced that the Council had introduced the option for Electronic Voting at Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings, and wanted to discuss whether members of the Planning and Licensing Committee wanted to use this facility.

The Committee commented that Electronic Voting would provide a list of how each Committee Member had voted on each Planning and Licensing Application.

The Committee commented that Planning and Licensing Committee was comparatively small and voting with a 'show of hands' enabled those attending the meetings in person or online to see how Committee Members collectively voted.

The Committee commented that having invested in Electronic Voting technology, it should be used.

The Committee commented that a decision to move to Electronic Voting would only enable it to be used at the subsequent three Planning and Licensing Committees (February, March and April 2023), after which the Administration following the May Election would decisions on its future use.

RESOLVED The Committee agree to adopt Electronic Voting for future Planning and Licensing Committee meetings until further notice

Voting Record – For 6, Against 2, Abstentions 3, Absent 0,

159 Public Questions

There were no Public Questions

160 Member Questions

There were no Member Questions

161 Schedule of Applications

22/02519/FUL Erection of incidental outbuilding (retrospective) at Grain Store, 5 Old Dowmans Farm, Coberley, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL53 9FF

The Senior Planning Case Officer re-introduced the application that had been deferred from the Planning and Licensing Committee meeting 07 December 2022 to enable a full Committee Member Site Inspection to take place. The application for the (retrospective) erection of an incidental outbuilding on built up land at a site at the western edge of the village of Coberley located within the Cotswolds AONB was summarised, and site and location maps, photographs and illustrations were presented to provide context for what had been constructed and additional photographs and illustrations were presented showing the property in 2017 prior to the start of its development.

The following people addressed the Committee:

Julia Judd – Ward Member

The Chair invited comments from the Committee Members that attended the Site Inspection

The Committee noted that although the original and subsequent development of the site since 2017 had changed the look of the former agricultural setting, the construction of the specific building in the application did not have a significant negative impact.

The Committee noted that the removal of permitted development rights condition would usually be carried forward on subsequent applications but this had not happened at this site and this condition could not now be enforced.

The Committee noted that enforcement officers had determined the change in height of the built up area on which the new structure stands, as 0.3m, using historic topographic surveys and more recent physical measurements.

The Committee noted that existing permission would enable further development of the site with the construction of a four car barns, and this would not be considered 'over-development'.

The Committee noted that 'right to a view' was not a material planning consideration.

Councillor Neill proposed and Councillor Selwyn seconded that the application should be **PERMITTED** for the reasons provided by the Senior Planning Officer.

RESOLVED The Committee agreed to **PERMIT** the application for the reasons provided by the Senior Planning Officer

Voting Record – For 8, Against 3, Abstentions 0, Absent 0

The Committee **PERMITTED** the application in agreement with the recommendation of the Senior Planning Officer

162 Sites Inspection Briefing

The Committee noted that a Sites Inspection Briefing would take place for Members 1st February 2023 (if required). Members would be Councillors Ray Brassington, Julia Judd, Patrick Coleman, Sue Jepson and Clive Webster.

163 Licensing Sub-Committee

The Committee noted that a Licensing Sub-Committee would take place for Members 25 January 2023 (if required). Members would be Councillors Ray Brassington, Julia Judd, Patrick Coleman, Sue Jepson and Clive Webster.

The Meeting commenced at 10.00 am and closed at 11.06 am

Chair

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