
PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT on Thursday, 28 August 2014 from 7.00 - 7.18 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Barnicott (Chairman), Bryan Mulhern (Vice-Chairman), Sylvia Bennett, Andy Booth, Mick Constable, Adrian Crowther, Duncan Dewar-Whalley (substitute for Councillor Derek Conway), Mark Ellen, Mike Henderson, Sue Gent, Lesley Ingham, Peter Marchington, Martin McCusker (substitute for Councillor Ghlin Whelan), Ben Stokes and Tony Winckless.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Joanne Hammond, Rob Bailey, Andrew Jeffers and Cath Wallen.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Mike Haywood.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Derek Conway, Ghlin Whelan and Prescott.

195 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 August 2014 (Minute Nos. 178 – 182) were taken as read, approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

196 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

197 REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING

SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS

PART 2 - Applications for which PERMISSION is recommended.

2.1 SW/14/0576	(Case 23965)	Eastchurch
APPLICATION PROPOSAL		
Demolition of existing redundant workshops & erection of 2 dwellings		
ADDRESS Rear Of 46 High Street, Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey, Kent, ME12 4BN		
APPLICANT Mr E Batten		
AGENT Gregory Bunce		

The Ward Member, also a Member of the Planning Committee, spoke in support of the application advising that access to the site was not a problem and the existing access had been in use for many years.

A Member drew Members' attention to Eastchurch Parish Council's objection to the application. He considered that the proposal would be an infringement on the village and would have a detrimental impact on the High Street and the junction, and cause issues with traffic flow.

Members raised concerns that there were conflicting views being expressed and Councillor Tony Winckless moved a motion for a Planning Working Group meeting to view the site and access. This was seconded by Councillor Andy Booth. Upon being put to the vote the motion was lost.

Members made the following comments: concerns about the access have been addressed; the previous use of the site would have generated traffic flow; and access to the site had not been an issue previously.

Resolved: That application SW/14/0576 be approved subject to conditions (1) to (17) in the report.

PART 3 - Applications for which REFUSAL is recommended.

3.1 SW/14/0088	(Case 09198)	Sittingbourne
APPLICATION PROPOSAL		
Variation of condition (7) of SW/09/0314, to allow speedway racing between 1500 and 2200 hours on weekdays and bank holidays		
ADDRESS Central Park Stadium, Church Road, Sittingbourne		
APPLICANT Cearnsport Ltd		
AGENT Robinson Escott Planning		

This application was deferred.

198 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:

(1) That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act:

- 1. Information relating to any individual.**
- 2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.**
- 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).**
- 6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:**
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or**
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.**

199 6.1 SW/09/0314 - CENTRAL PARK STADIUM, CHURCH ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE

Members discussed the report and noted the recommendation.

Resolved: That the report be noted and no action be taken, subject to the applicant writing to local residents, advising them of the specific date, start and finish times and the number of races which will take place.

Chairman

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