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Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Licensing Committee held remotely on 9 February 2021 at 18:00

Those present:

Chair: Councillor G Guest

Councillors: J Buczkowski, J Johns, M Smith*, J Lochhead, I Emmett*.

Others: S Reardon (Meeting Administrator), J Norris (Town Clerk), L Maddocks (Special Projects Officer), 3 members of the public.

*For part of the meeting only.

PL123. Chair's Announcements

The Chair may make announcements relevant to the work of the Committee.

Note: Announcements are for information only and not for debate, discussion or questioning.

MDDC has issued its call for potential sites for development in connection with the Local Plan revision; the call runs from 8 February until 22 March and will result, after assessment, in the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) which will form part of the evidence base for a new Local Plan for Mid Devon.

It should be noted that the HELAA is a technical assessment of sites that could potentially contribute towards future supply of housing and employment. The inclusion of sites a HELAA should not be seen as an intention to allocate these sites for development or that planning permission will be granted.

PL124. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence from Councillors unable to attend the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors E Andrews and K Haslett.

PL125. Declarations of Interests

To receive any Declarations of Interest from Councillors and Officers in respect of matters to be considered at this meeting, together with an appropriate statement regarding the nature of the interest.

Councillors and Officers are reminded of the requirement to declare any interest, including the type of interest, and reason for that interest, either at this stage of the meeting or as soon as they become aware of that interest.

Councillor G Guest declared a personal interest as he is known to one of the members of the public present.

Councillor J Johns declared a personal interest as she is known to one of the members of the public present.

Councillor M Smith declared a personal interest as he is known to one of the members of the public present and to several residents in the vicinity of the Highdown Farm proposal.

PL126. Public Participation

15 minutes is set aside at the beginning of the meeting to enable members of the public to raise matters which are relevant to the work of the Committee. Up to 3 minutes is allowed for each question. It may not be possible to reply straightaway and the question may only be noted and a written response sent at a later date.

RESOLVED that, as the members of the public present were representatives of the Highdown Farm development proposal, they will speak at that point of the Agenda (Minute PP128).

PL127. Minutes

To agree the minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee meeting held on 28 January 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2021 were adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting and signed as such.

PL128. Highdown Farm Diversification Proposal

To discuss with the developer, consider and feed back on a pre-application submission received from Highdown Farm in respect of a leisure development proposal at Westcott (Supporting Paper B).

After a presentation and short discussion, it was

RESOLVED that the council is broadly supportive of the proposal for outdoor activities at Westcott but this support is subject to information contained in a future planning application.

Councillor I Emmett joined the meeting.

PL129. Planning Matters

To consider and make comment on the following planning applications received by the Planning Authority and available to view on the [Planning Portal](#) (Supporting Paper C):

- a. 3 Rivermead, Cullompton ([21/00069/HOUSE](#)). Erection of a corrugated PVC roof covering over existing yard.

RESOLVED that planning application 20/00069/HOUSE is SUPPORTED.

- b. Cullompton Community College ([DCC/4218/2021](#)). Removal of timber enclosure and construction of a new permanent extension to cold store adjacent to kitchen.

RESOLVED that planning application DCC/4218/2021 is SUPPORTED.

PL130. Garden Village Initiative

There was a discussion about a proposed Country Park to form part of the Garden Village Initiative. The slides that informed the discussion are attached as Appendix A (produced by the Culm Garden Village Initiative for a workshop) and Appendix B (other material) to these minutes

Councillor M Smith left the meeting at 19:50.

RESOLVED that the meeting is extended until 20:30.

The Town Clerk raised a point of order and gave guidance surrounding the Committee's Terms of Reference and it was agreed that any response would have to be made by the Full Council.

RESOLVED that before any substantive response is made by the Full Council, Mr P Brockway is requested to attend a meeting of the council to answer the questions that require to be answered before a definitive position is taken.

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