

## Minutes

of the Meeting of

## The Planning and Regulatory Committee

Wednesday, 18 August 2021

New Council Chamber - Town Hall

Meeting Commenced: 2.30 pm

Meeting Concluded: 2.47 pm

### Councillors:

James Tonkin (Chairman)

John Crockford-Hawley (Vice-Chairman)

Peter Bryant

Caroline Cherry

Andy Cole (substitute for Steve Hogg)

Peter Crew

Ann Harley

Stuart McQuillan

Robert Payne

Timothy Snaden

Mike Solomon

Richard Tucker

**Apologies:** Councillor: Richard Westwood

**Officers in attendance:** Sue Buck (Solicitor - Litigation Team Leader), Simon Exley (Applications and Consents Service Manager, Place Directorate), Richard Kent (Head of Planning, Place Directorate), Mike Riggall (Information and ICT Security Manager) and James Wigmore (Lead Transport Planner).

**PAR 18 Public speaking at planning committees (Standing Order 17 & 17A) (Agenda Item 1)**

There were no applications to speak during public participation.

**PAR 19 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (Standing Order 37) (Agenda Item 3)**

None.

**PAR 20 Minutes 21 July 2021 (Agenda Item 4)**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

**PAR 21 Matters referred by Council, the Executive, other committees etc (if any)**

The Chairman noted that the recommendation of the Planning Peer Review Working Group to reduce the membership of the committee to 13 with politically balanced substitutes had been implemented.

He added that the four independent group members would be himself and Councillors Hogg, Snaden and Solomon. He welcomed new members of the committee.

**PAR 22 21/P/0803/FUL Construction of a Scout Headquarters and associated works at land to the west of Wild Country Lane, Long Ashton (Agenda Item 6)**

The Director of the Place Directorate's representative presented the report on the application to members and noted that there were five reasons behind the officer's recommendation for refusal. He added that should members be minded to approve the application, that Annex 2 of the officer's report highlighted matters to be resolved before planning permission was granted and a schedule of suggested conditions should permission be granted.

**Resolved:** that the application be **APPROVED** contrary to the officer's recommendation.

Members considered that there were very special circumstances and benefits for allowing this particular community building in the Green Belt and because of the lack of alternative sites and its location. The application was unanimously approved in accordance with details in the Annex 2 of the officer's report to the committee namely section A - matters to be resolved before the planning permission could be granted including a S106 Agreement and section B - the conditions to be applied subject to the matters in section A being resolved satisfactorily.

Members thanked officers for the work on the outstanding issues and conditions.

**PAR 23 P&R Appeals 18 August 2021 (Agenda Item 7)**

The Director of Place Directorate's representative reported on appeal decisions and appeals that had been lodged since the date of the last meeting. He noted that enforcement officers had three public inquiries in addition to their usual workload before the end of the year.

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Chairman

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