



MINUTES OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE Tuesday, 30 September 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Steve Holgate (Chair), Councillor Dave Rogerson (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Charlie Bromilow, Henry Counce, Jean Cronshaw, David Dickinson, Christopher France, Danny Gee, Keith Iddon, Alistair Morwood, Mick Muncaster, Richard Toon, Paul Walmsley and Alan Whittaker

RESERVES: Councillor Mike Handley

OFFICERS: Paul Whittingham (Development Control Team Leader), Alex Jackson (Legal Services Team Leader), Ian Heywood (Senior Planner (Conservation)) and Cathryn Filbin (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

APOLOGIES: Councillor June Molyneaux

OTHER MEMBERS: Councillors Matthew Lynch and Mark Perks

14.DC.74 Minutes

Councillor Richard Toon welcomed the new Chair of the Development Control Committee, Councillor Steve Holgate to his first meeting and expressed thanks to the previous Chair, Councillor Matthew Crow, for this service on the Committee. Councillor Toon also welcomed the participation of younger elected members of the Council.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Development Control Committee held on 3 September 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

14.DC.75 Declarations of Any Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

14.DC.76 Planning applications to be determined

The Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community submitted two applications for planning permission consideration.

In considering the applications, Members of the Development Control Committee took into account the agenda reports, the addendum, and the verbal representations and submissions provided by officers and individuals.

14.DC.76a 14/00500/OUTMAJ - Cowling Mill, Cowling Brow, Chorley

RESOLVED (unanimously) – That the decision be deferred to a future meeting of the Development Control Committee to enable ecological issues to be addressed.

(Councillor Christopher France entered the room whilst Councillor Matthew Lynch was addressing the Committee in relation to the following application.)

14.DC.76b 14/00879/FUL - 18A The Farthings, Astley Village, Chorley, PR7 1TP

Speakers: Objector – Malcolm Walkden, Ward Councillor Matthew Lynch and Ward Councillor Mark Perks

RESOLVED (unanimously) – That the decision be deferred to allow Members of the Development Control Committee the opportunity to visit the site of the proposals.

14.DC.77 Variation of Tree Preservation Order No.13 (Chorley) 2013

Members of the Development Control Committee considered a report from the Chief Executive which recommended a variation to Tree Preservation Order No. 13 (Chorley) 2013. The variation was to remove a group of trees identified as G4 in the original confirmed Tree Preservation Order.

The plan in the current Tree Preservation Order was tabled at the meeting since it identified the location of the group of trees within G4. The plan appended to the report had been intended as the plan to be used in the variation. However it was defective because it omitted the broken black line around G3 and erroneously included G4 but named it as G3. An amended plan would be used for the variation.

RESOLVED (unanimously) – That the variation, to remove a group of trees identified as G4, on the Tree Preservation Order No. 13 (Chorley) 2013 be approved as it was felt that this group of trees no longer made a valuable contribution to the visual amenities of the area and did not have a significant impact on the environment and its enjoyment by the public.

14.DC.78 Planning appeals and other decisions

The Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community submitted a report which informed Member of the Development Control Committee of one appeal that had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate, three appeals that had been allowed, and one planning appeal that had been withdrawn.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Chair

Date