

MINUTES

Committee: Planning Committee
Date: Monday, 15 June 2020
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: Zoom

Present

Cllr Les Bayliss (Chair)
Cllr Colin Buchan
Cllr Matt Osborn
Cllr Steve Prime
Cllr Barry Rogers

Also Present

Cllr Kevin Blakey, Cranbrook Town Council
Tracy Simmons, Deputy Clerk, Cranbrook Town Council

P/20/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

P/20/22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

P/20/23 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Colin Buchan, seconded by Cllr Barry Rogers and resolved to accept and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2020 as a correct record.

P/20/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

P/20/25 PLANNING APPLICATION 19/1422/MRES

The Committee considered the reserved matters planning application 19/1422/MRES comprising layout, scale, appearance, landscaping and access for the construction of a foul water pumping station (to include both underground and over ground infrastructure and secure boundary fence), two surface water basins, a shared footway and cycleway and connecting highway link and the removal and the construction of a new hedgerow. (Subsequent application in respect of permission 03/P1900 which was accompanied by an environmental statement).

The Committee considered the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting dated 19 August 2019, when this planning application was discussed previously, minute ref. 19/166. The main comments from that meeting were that the landscaping including trees should be sufficient to camouflage the building, once established, as the pumping station was proposed to be in the Ecology Park.

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The Committee discussed the method proposed to bore holes to lay the pipework and that this method would help protect the environment.

It was proposed by Cllr Les Bayliss, seconded by Cllr Barry Rogers and resolved to **support** the application.

P/20/26 PLANNING APPLICATION 20/0855/FUL

The Committee considered the planning application 20/0855/FUL for the alterations to existing roofs including new roof deck and raising height of the roofs. These properties were a recent development of detached homes completed around 2016/17. The properties had developed design/construction defects in the flat roofs which had resulted in damage due to interstitial condensation in the 'cold roofs'. Meadow Consultants Ltd had been appointed by each of the owners in conjunction with the building warranty insurers to resolve the issues. The existing cold roof system had failed and Meadow Consultants Ltd needed to remedy the defect by adding a layer of insulation roof decking and single ply roofing on top of the roofs to create warm roofs and thus avoiding the current issues. It was impractical to resolve the issues with the existing installation. In terms of appearance changes to the building the existing fascia's and roof covering and detailing would be the same, but the overall roof would be thicker by the depth of the insulation and additional plywood roof deck with likewise increase in fascia depth. The anticipated increase was approx. 150 to 180 mm.

The committee discussed that the roof height increase was not significant and would not affect the surrounding area.

It was proposed by Cllr Colin Buchan, seconded by Cllr Barry Rogers and resolved to **support** the application.

P/20/27 UNAUTHORISED ADVERTISING IN CRANBROOK

The Committee considered the Deputy Clerks report regarding unauthorised advertising in Cranbrook. In March 2020 the Council considered a report explaining that the Council had identified the issue of unauthorised advertising around the town including signage at the Younghayes Road roundabout (Gate A), the Parsons Lane roundabout (Gate B), the fence at St Martin's Primary School and other locations around the town Minute Ref 20/57.

The Council had contacted the Local Planning Authority and the County Council for resolution to these issues. A statement was made by Devon County Council that the land in question did not belong to them and therefore the advertisements were a Local Planning Authority issue, not a County Council issue.

The Committee discussed that the issues were not only that the advertising on the roundabouts were unauthorised, but that it could be considered a road traffic hazard, due to the amount of signage in place.

The Committee also discussed that there is advertising in Cranbrook that had been refused planning approval but is yet to be removed.

It was proposed by Cllr Colin Buchan, seconded by Cllr Steve Prime and **resolved** to write to the Local Planning Authority highlighting the lack of resolution to this issue.

The meeting closed at 7.17 pm.

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