

# STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Minutes**

**THURSDAY, 11 MARCH 2021**

PRESENT: Councillor P Roberts (Chair)

Councillors B Cawley, S Coleman, J Davies, B Emery, K Flunder, M Gledhill, T Holmes, K Hoptroff, A Hulme, L D Lea and P Wilkinson

IN ATTENDANCE: S Hampton                      Member and Community Services Officer  
P Trafford                                      Member & Community Services Officer  
B Haywood                                      Head of Development Services  
P Wisner                                         Legal Advisor, Freeths LLP

APOLOGIES: Councillor T Riley

#### 203 **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) The Chair confirmed that the meeting was being broadcast live to the internet via the usual webcasting facility and was capable of repeated viewing. The images and sound recording could be used for training purposes within the Council. The Chair had the discretion to terminate or suspend filming if it was his opinion that continuing to do so would prejudice the proceedings of the meeting. In the light of this meeting being held 'virtually' via the Microsoft Teams platform, all members were asked to adhere to the guidelines previously issued to them for such meetings, to use the 'Hands up' function to register their wish to speak and to speak only when invited to do so by the Chair. All attendees were asked to keep their microphones muted when not in use. Any views expressed by any speaker in the meeting were the speaker's own and did not necessarily reflect the views of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council.
- b) Members of the Committee and Officers present were introduced by the Chair.
- c) The Chair requested that mobile phones be switched off or to silent.
- d) Given the social distancing restrictions in place due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, no actual site visits were undertaken relating to this meeting. However, photos/video were shown to all members both before and during the meeting showing all views of the application sites.

#### 204 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held on 11 February 2021 be **APPROVED** as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed by Councillor Flunder and seconded by Councillor Emery.)

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205 **URGENT ITEMS, IF ANY.**

There were no urgent items.

206 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations were made at this point, unless stated otherwise:-

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Member Declaring Interest</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
Agenda Items 6 – SMD/2021/0018 – Land adjacent to Prospect House Farm, Sutherland Road, Longsdon	Cllrs. Cawley, Coleman, Davies, Emery, Flunder, Gledhill, Holmes, Hoptroff, Hulme, Lea, Roberts and Wilkinson	“Other” – Speaker was an ex-SMDC employee
	Cllr. Roberts	Lobbied – No response issued

207 **SMD/2021/0018 - LAND ADJACENT PROSPECT HOUSE FARM,  
SUTHERLAND ROAD, LONGSDON**

**VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 RELATING TO SMD/2018/0788 (APP / B3438 / W /  
19 / 32317950 FOR MR & MRS MCDERMOTT.**

(Report recommended Approval)

*All Councillors had declared “other” interests. Councillor Roberts had declared a lobbying interest.)*

RECEIVED – Representations from the undermentioned speakers:-

**For the application:**

Mrs. Teresa Critchlow - Applicant’s Agent  
Mr. Gary McDermott - Applicant

- NOTED** -
1. This was a retrospective application as the floor level of the building had been raised by 0.5 metres, though the overall height of the building had been reduced slightly.
  2. At a previous appeal, the removal of Permitted Development Rights had been referred to in the Planning Inspector’s report but apparently omitted from the Decision Notice.
  3. Late Representations Report contained 2 letters from local residents and the case officer’s response to the points raised.

**RESOLVED** – That the application be **APPROVED** for the reasons and based on the policies stated in the report, subject to the conditions contained in the report

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**FURTHER RESOLVED** - In the event of any changes being needed to the wording of the Committee's decision (such as to delete, vary or add conditions / informatives / planning obligations or reasons for approval / refusal), prior to the decision being issued the Head of Development Services had delegated authority to do so in consultation with the Chairman of the Planning Applications Committee, provided that the changes did not exceed the substantive nature of the Committee's decision.

(Proposed by Councillor Emery and seconded by Councillor Davies.)

208 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** - That pursuant to Section 100A (2) and (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or nature of the proceedings whereby it is likely that exempt information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act would be disclosed to the public in breach of the obligation of confidence or exempt information as defined in Section 100I (1) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed to the public by virtue of the paragraphs indicated.

209 **TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Members considered the exempt minutes of the previous meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.50 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date