Kingsbridge Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2015 AT 6.00 P.M. IN QUAY HOUSE

Present: Cllr Philip Yates (Chairman)

Cllr Matt Farrand Cllr Wayne Grills Cllr Graham Price Cllr Steve Sidney

In Attendance: Cllr Anne Balkwill

Cllr Rufus Gilbert
Cllr Irene Jeeninga
District Cllr Simon Wright

Martin Johnson (Secretary)

14/86 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Robin Griffin.

Public Open Forum

There were no members of public present.

14/87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14/88 PLANNING DECISIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

DECISIONS

The following decisions regarding planning applications were received from South Hams District Council (SHDC):

88.1 28/2221/14/F

Decision: Conditional Approval

Case officer: Alex Sebbinger
Decision date: 5 December 2014

Site: Lower Slade Farm, Kingsbridge, TQ7 2HE

Proposal: Conversion of redundant barn to residential dwelling

KTC: Recommended Approval

88.2 28/2660/14/F

Decision: Conditional Approval

Case officer: Jenny Draper
Decision date: 11 December 2014

Site: 7 Kingsway Close, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1UG

Proposal: Householder application for erection of PVCu conservatory to

the rear

KTC: Recommended Approval

88.3 28/1990/14/F

Decision: Conditional Approval

Case officer: Jenny Draper
Decision date: 9 December 2014

Site: 7 Highfield Drive, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1JW

Proposal: Householder application for extension to dwelling

KTC: Recommended Approval

88.4 28/2759/14/F

Decision: Conditional Approval
Case officer: Charlotte Howrihane
Decision date: 18 December 2014

Site: Flats 1 to 9, Carling Court, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1QJ

Proposal: Replacement of existing windows with PVC double glazed

windows

KTC: Recommended Approval

88.5 28/2760/14/LB

Decision: Conditional Approval

Case officer: Matthew Jones
Decision date: 18 December 2014

Site: Brook House, 24 Duncombe Street, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1LR Proposal: Retrospective listed building consent for external repairs to

south east elevation and chimney

KTC: Recommended Approval

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received:

88.6 From Kingsbridge Community College (KCC) a copy of its letter dated 17 December 2014 addressed to SHDC regarding the landowner's amended scheme for Allocated Site K5 off West Alvington Hill. The Governors reported their grave reservations about the proposed entrance to the site opposite Balkwill Road. The latter junction was already very congested with traffic at the beginning and end of the school day and there had been 2 children involved in road traffic accidents in the recent past. The new playing field between Balkwill Road and West Alvington village compounded matters meaning students would have to cross West Alvington Hill plus the proposed access road at regular intervals. However, the revised development concept did not mitigate for this e.g. no bridge, no traffic lights and no roundabout. The Governing Body urged SHDC to relocate the proposed access road.

Members noted KCC Governors' concerns and that a new planning application for Allocated Site K5 was anticipated shortly; it was agreed that Devon County Council Highways comments would be pivotal.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the above decisions and correspondence.

14/89 TREE DECISIONS, CORRESPONDENCE AND WORKS

DECISIONS

89.1 There were no decisions to consider.

CORRESPONDENCE

89.2 From Alison Hunt, 21 Lime Grove, a copy of her letter dated 18 December 2014 addressed to the Landlord and Tenants at 23 Lime Grove regarding the dangerous condition of a tree in the rear garden of the latter property. The letter had also been sent to SHDC. The tree was very large, leaning towards her home, and rocked from side to side in high winds. She was concerned that the tree could fall and strongly suggested that it should be felled immediately.

Cllrs Grills and Price had made site visits and members received photos of the said tree. District Cllrs Gilbert and Wright were also aware of the situation and SHDC Natural Environment & Recreation Team was likely to consider the situation and respond.

WORKS

89.2 There were no applications to consider.

It was **RESOLVED** to note the above correspondence.

Cllr Balkwill & Jeeninga entered the Chamber

14/90 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were received from SHDC for consideration:

90.1 28/3081/14/F

Householder application for demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage and parking area. New decked are outside conservatory. 7 Fosse Road, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1NG.

Mr G Goodier

(Case officer: Jenny Draper)

Recommend APPROVAL

90.2 28/3174/14/LB

Listed building consent for alterations and works to facilitate change of use from offices (A2) to 2 no. residential dwellings (C3).

89 Fore Street, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1AB.

Mr A Reid

(Case officer: Charlotte Howrihane)

Recommend APPROVAL

It was **RESOLVED** to forward the findings of the above planning consultation to SHDC Development Management.

14/91 ANY FURTHER CURRENT PLANNING MATTERS

- **91.1** Cllr Yates noted the Future Homes Conference to be held at Dartington Hall on 6 and 7 February 2015. Cllr Farrand would represent KTC.
- **91.2** Members discussed several matters regarding affordable housing and chiefly noted that the prioritisation bands for Devon Home Choice housing allocations had little flexibility which had led to issues for local families. It was noted that Cassandra Harrison, SHDC Housing Enabling & Strategy Officer, would attend the full council meeting on 10 February 2015 to make a presentation on "Local Homes for Local People".
- **91.3** Cllr Yates noted that farming subsidies for solar farms had been scrapped from 1 January.

14/92 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20 January 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 6.35 p.m.