

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Wednesday, 17 February 2010.

PRESENT: Mr R E King (Chairman), Mr J F London (Vice-Chairman), Mr R Brookbank, Mr A R Chell, Mr T Gates, Mr W A Hayton, Mr C Hibberd, Mr G A Horne MBE, Mr J D Kirby, Mr S Manion (Substitute for Mr K Smith), Mr R F Manning, Mr R J Parry, Mr R A Pascoe, Mr M Robertson, Mr C P Smith and Mr A Willicombe

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs J Whittle

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Thompson (Head of Planning Applications Group), Mr J Crossley (Team Leader - County Council Development) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

6. Minutes - 21 January 2010 *(Item 4)*

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2010 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

7. Site Meetings and Other Meetings *(Item A4)*

The Committee noted that the next training session would be on the Minerals and Waste Development Framework on Tuesday, 16 March 2010. All Members of the County Council would be invited to attend.

8. Application SH/09/806 - Retrospective application to vary Conditions 1 and 15 of Permission SH/07/589 to allow the erection of a 5.5 m high close boarded fence and the installation of a surface mounted weighbridge at Rear of Century House, Park Farm Close, Folkestone; Jenner Group Ltd *(Item C1)*

RESOLVED that permission be granted for the variation of Condition 15 of Permission SH/07/589 to allow for the erection of the close boarded fencing and the installation of the weighbridge as shown on the submitted Drawing Figure 2 Revision 5 (on Page 7 of the agenda papers) dated October 2009, subject to inclusion of the Conditions attached to Permission SH/07/589 covering amongst other matters limitations on stockpile heights; hours of operation; vehicle movements; noise; dust; windblown litter; site layout and the maintenance of the fence and the removal of both the fence and the weighbridge upon cessation of the waste use at the site.

9. Proposal CA/09/1361 - Erection of a canopy over bike-racks and parents' entrance alley and erection of canopy over reception class play area at St Peter's Methodist Primary School, St Peter's Grove, Canterbury; Governors of St Peter's Methodist Primary School

(Item D1)

- (1) The Head of Planning Applications Group informed the Committee that both references to "Canopy 2" in the recommendations in paragraph 36 of the report should read "Canopy 1".
- (2) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported the proposed amendments to the Proposal put forward by the applicants. The Committee did not approve them because of their impact on the Conservation Area and because of the very close proximity of the canopy to the neighbouring property which would have resulted.
- (3) RESOLVED that subject to the receipt of amended details for Canopy 1 restricting its height to no more than 2.8 metres and its length to no more than 9.25 metres, permission be granted to the proposal, subject to conditions including the standard time requirement for implementation; Canopy 1 being finished in a brown colour; and the development being carried out in strict accordance with the plans (as amended).

10. Proposals CA/09/1769 and CA/09/1972 - Demolition and removal of existing four classroom temporary structure and construction of a replacement four classroom two storey building; and removal of 2 existing playground shelters and the installation of 3 temporary classrooms on the school playground for a 12 month period during the proposed development at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Northwood Road, Whitstable; Southwark Diocesan Board of Education and KCC Children, Families and Education

(Item D2)

RESOLVED that:-

- a) permission be granted to Proposal CA/09/1769 for the demolition and removal of an existing four classroom temporary structure and the construction of a replacement four classroom two storey building, subject to conditions including the standard time condition; the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted plans; external materials matching those of the existing teaching block; a requirement to reinstatement any damage to the school playing fields, hedges, fence and surfaces; reinstatement of the temporary access; and control over the transfer of mud from the school field onto the highway from the development whilst the temporary access is in use for construction purposes; and
- b) permission be granted to Proposal CA/09/1972 for the removal of 2 existing playground shelters and the installation of 3 temporary classrooms on the school playground for a 12 month period during the development of the replacement four classroom two storey building, subject to conditions requiring the removal of the 3 temporary mobile classrooms from the site and reinstatement of the application area to school playground within 12 months.

11. Proposal TW/09/3978 - New multi-use games area (MUGA) with enclosure fencing at St Gregory's Catholic Comprehensive School, Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells; Governors of St Gregory's Catholic Comprehensive School and KCC Property Group

(Item D3)

- (1) The Committee noted the views of the local Member, Mr J R Bullock in support of the Proposal.
- (2) RESOLVED that permission be granted to the Proposal subject to conditions, including conditions restricting the use of the facility to school use; restricting usage to between 0845 and 1900 hours with very occasional weekend use during the same hours in term time only; and requiring car parking spaces within the school to be made available whilst the Multi Use Games Area is being used after school hours.

12. Proposal MA/09/2245 - All weather sports pitch with floodlighting including ball stop fencing and acoustic noise barrier at Swadelands School, Ham Lane, Lenham, Maidstone; Governors of Swadelands School

(Item D4)

- (1) Mrs J Whittle was present for this item pursuant to Committee Procedure 2.24 and spoke. She made a declaration of Personal Interest as she had applied to become an LEA-appointed Governor at Swadelands School.
- (2) RESOLVED that permission be granted to the Proposal subject to conditions, including conditions covering the standard time limit; the development being carried out in accordance with the permitted details; all trees and hedges within the site (other than the two shown for removal under the development footprint) being afforded the necessary protection and precautionary measures; details of a surface water drainage scheme being submitted to and approved by the County Planning Authority prior to commencement of the development; details of specification and external appearance of the 2m high acoustic fence being submitted to and approved by the County Planning Authority prior to commencement of the development; implementation of an archaeological watching brief ; a post-completion lighting test report being submitted to and agreed by the County Planning Authority before the pitch is brought into first operation; an acoustic fence being installed in accordance with the approved specification prior to the pitch being brought into first operation; a landscaping scheme being submitted to and approved by the County Planning Authority prior to commencement of the development to address under-storey planting along the southern boundary of the site; and the hours of use of the pitch being limited to 0800 to 2200 on Mondays to Fridays, 0800 to 2200 on Saturdays and 0900 to 2000 on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

13. County matters dealt with under delegated powers

(Item E1)

RESOLVED to note matters dealt with under delegated powers since the last meeting relating to:-

- (a) County matter applications;
- (b) consultations on applications submitted by District Councils and Government Departments;
- (c) County Council developments;
- (d) Screening opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999; and
- (e) Scoping opinions under Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 1999 (None).