

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee held at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 18 September 2007.

PRESENT: Mr M J Harrison (Chairman), Mr A D Crowther (Vice-Chairman), Mr A R Bassam, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr C J Capon, Mr L Christie, Mr I S Chittenden, Mr J Curwood, Mr J A Davies, Mr J B O Fullarton, Mr T Gates, Mr C Hart, Mr I T N Jones, Mr R A Pascoe, Mr A R Poole (substitute for Mr T J Birkett), Mrs P A V Stockell, Mr C T Wells and Mr F Wood-Brignall.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Head of Planning Applications Group, Mrs S Thompson (with Mr R Gregory); and the Democratic Services Officer, Mr A Tait.

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

14. Membership:

The Committee noted the appointment of Mr T Gates in place of Mr C T Wells and of Mr I S Chittenden in place of Mr S J G Koowaree.

15. Future meetings of the Committee:

(Item 4)

The Committee agreed that its future meetings would commence at 10.00 am on the following dates:-

Tuesday, 22 January 2008;
Tuesday, 20 May 2008;
Thursday, 18 September 2008;
Tuesday, 21 January 2009;
Tuesday, 19 May 2009.

16. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 22 May 2007 and of the Member Panel held on 2 August 2007 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

17. Update on Planning Enforcement issues

(Item 6 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)

- (1) The Committee agreed that the Chairman should write on its behalf to the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environment, Highways and Waste to request that the necessary measures be taken to assist with the recruitment of additional Enforcement Officers of sufficient calibre.
- (2) The Committee requested that future reports incorporate the names of the local Member and (where appropriate) the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder in the heading for each of the sites, as well as the dates of appeals and the date that the enforcement cases were first brought to the attention of the County Council.
- (3) RESOLVED to endorse the actions taken or contemplated in the respective cases and monitoring work set out in paragraphs 4 to 145 of the report and to note the work towards establishing working protocols with the Environment Agency as outlined in paragraphs 146 and 147 of the report.

EXEMPT ITEMS

(Open Access to Minutes)

(Members resolved that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 5 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act)

18. Update on Planning Enforcement Issues at Woodgers Wharf, Upchurch

(Item 9 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)

- (1) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported the latest enforcement position concerning the Woodgers Wharf site, Upchurch.
- (2) RESOLVED to endorse the enforcement strategy outlined in paragraphs 4 to 13 of the report.

19. Update on Planning Enforcement Issues at Deal Field Shaw, Charing

(Item 10 – Report by Head of Planning Applications Group)

- (1) The Head of Planning Applications Group reported the latest enforcement position concerning Deal Field Shaw (Shaw Grange), Charing.
- (2) RESOLVED to endorse the enforcement strategy and actions outlined in paragraphs 5 to 12 of the report and to thank the officers of the Enforcement Team for all their work on the case up to this point.