

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee held at Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Tuesday, 23 January 2007.

PRESENT: Mrs P A V Stockell (Chairman), Mr A D Crowther (Vice-Chairman), Mr T J Birkett, Mr A H T Bowles, Mr C J Capon, Mr J Curwood, Mr J A Davies, Mr J B O Fullarton, Mr M J Harrison, Mr C Hart, Mr I T N Jones, DL, Mr R A Pascoe, Mr K Sansum, Mr C T Wells and Mr B P Wood.

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

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

1. Membership

The Committee noted the appointment of Mr M J Harrison in place of Mr T Gates.

2. Minutes

(1) In respect of Minute 23 (11)(b), the Acting Head of Planning Applications Group reported that improved joint working with the Environment Agency was already taking place and that an agreement would be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

(2) In respect of Minute 23 (1)(d), the Acting Head of Planning Applications Group reported an assurance that future training for Magistrates would incorporate the question of breaches of planning control. This matter would also be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Justice Board.

(3) The Committee noted that the date of this meeting had been bought forward by 7 days to avoid a clash with a meeting of the Corporate Policy Overview Committees.

(4) RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 19 September 2006 and of the Member Panel held on 30 November 2006 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

3. Update on Planning Enforcement Issues

(Item 3 – report by Acting Head of Planning Applications Group)

RESOLVED to:-

(a) endorse the actions taken or contemplated on the respective cases set out in paragraphs 5 to 97 and paragraphs 101 to 109 of the report and to note the work towards establishing working protocols with the Environment Agency as outlined in paragraph 112 of the report;

(b) endorse the actions set out in paragraphs 96 to 100 of the report concerning Pearsons Sand Pit, Trottiscliffe and to note that this is a live case with an enforcement response under consideration; and

(c) request that a letter be sent to the Environment Agency on behalf of the Committee expressing its appreciation for the contribution of the Agency towards enhanced working arrangements.

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)

4. Update on Planning Enforcement Issues at Deal Field Shaw, Charing *(Item 7 – Report by Acting Head of Planning Applications Group)*

(1) The Acting Head of Planning Applications Group reported the latest enforcement position concerning the Shaw Grange former landfill site, Charing.

(2) The Committee noted that the date in paragraph 3 of the report should read 15 December 2006.

(3) RESOLVED that the enforcement strategy and actions be endorsed as outlined in paragraph 5 to 8 of the report.

5. Update on Planning Enforcement Issues at Woodgers Wharf, Upchurch *(Item 8 – Report by Acting Head of Planning Applications Group)*

(1) The Acting Head of Planning Application Group reported the latest enforcement position concerning the Woodgers Wharf site, Upchurch.

(2) RESOLVED that the enforcement strategy be endorsed as outlined in paragraphs 4 to 8 of the report.