

Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT** Committee held in the Town Hall, The Broadway, Crowborough on Monday 23RD February 2009 at 7.30 pm

Present	Councillors	Philip Fermor Mick Hall George Moss Kay Moss Colin Stocks Sandra Timms* Clive Wilson - Co-opted onto the committee	Chairman
Also in attendance	Councillors	Peter Cowie Jim Hollins Anthony Quinn Chantal Wilson Linda Butcher Lynda Mersh	W.D.C. W.D.C. W.D.C. (8.10 pm) Town Clerk Planning and Environment Administrator
		47 members of the public 1 member of the press	

* denotes non-attendance

APOLOGIES

Councillor Sandra Timms – family commitments

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2009

5911 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2009, as confirmed be signed by the Chairman.

Matters Outstanding – none.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee **AGREED** to consider applications WD/2009/7500T Crowborough Hill and WD/2009/7501/T junction of Blackness Road / Luxford Lane first, as several members of the public were present for

these applications. The Chairman then invited Alan Cornish, Paul Gilham and Simon Simond to address the Committee in turn.

Mr Alan Cornish spoke in support of the proposals. He stated:

- After objections to the previous applications to place the masts near schools Vodafone was asked to seek alternative locations and submitted the current applications
- The Government has said that, within parameters, masts can be put where the applicant wants
- Community health is a concern
- Do these proposals fulfil acceptable planning parameters.

Mr Paul Gilham spoke in support of the application. He advised:

- The applications are the result of Vodafone listening to concerns about masts about the original applications being in residential areas or in residential areas outside schools.
- Crowborough Town Council should reflect on its policy for masts not to be outside schools.

Mr Simon Simond spoke on behalf of a number of people present against the application WD/2009/7501/T. He stated:

- There have been 207 letters opposing this application and 1 letter supporting it
- This junction is a focal point which Crowborough Town Council has improved
- This site in a residential area is an alternative to the proposed site by Herne School but children attend school for fewer hours than they are at home.

Councillor Moss explained:

- East Sussex County Council own the land and has granted a licence to Crowborough Town Council to plant this area
- These “applications” are not planning applications but are Prior Approval Notices.
- The Committee can make comments to Wealden District Council but it does not have to take notice of these comments.

5912 **RESOLVED** that the observations on planning issues attached to these minutes be submitted to the District Planning Officer for consideration.

DECISION NOTICES

GRANTED

WD/2008/3065/F Rehoboth Baptist Chapel, Walshes Road, RA

WD/2008/2212/FR Jarvis Brook Social Club RR

WD/2008/2997/F 23 Chequers Way, Crowborough RA

WD//2008/3004/F 3 Cheriton Villas, Whitehill Road, Crowborough RA

WD/2008/3064/F 23 St Richards Road, Crowborough RA

APPEAL DECISION

App/C1435/A/08/2085446 Knowle House, Rotherfield Road

Appeal Rejected

NOTED

THE CODE FOR SUSTAINABLE HOMES

This document had been previously circulated by Councillor Moss.

Clive Wilson circulated three leaflets and explained the complex system of assessing housing sustainability and the timescales within which this has to be achieved for different sorts of housing, for example for social housing.

The impact of these measures on the timing of planning applications, the types of applications, for example a possible increase in infill rather than larger developments and on housing costs were discussed.

More information is available on www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the date of the next meeting will be on Monday 16th March 2009 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm