

WEST DEVON DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT AND LICENSING COMMITTEE



West Devon
Borough
Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **West Devon Development Management and Licensing Committee** held on **Tuesday, 29th September, 2020** at **9.30 am** at the **Via Skype**

Present: **Councillors:**

Chairman Cllr Yelland
Vice Chairman Cllr Pearce

Cllr Cheadle
Cllr Hipsey
Cllr Moyse
Cllr Renders

Cllr Crozier
Cllr Mott
Cllr Ratcliffe
Cllr Vachon

In attendance:

Councillors:

Cllr Leech

Cllr Southcott

Officers:

Head of Development Management Practice
Solicitor
Democratic Services Manager
Specialist – Democratic Services
Senior Case Manager – Democratic Services

14. **Declarations of Interest**

*DM&L 14

Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered and the following were made:

Cllr T G Pearce declared a personal interest in all applications by virtue of being a Member of the Devon Building Control Partnership. Cllr Yelland also declared a personal interest on behalf on the Committee due to them all having received an emailed letter from one of the objectors to application number 0626/20/ARM.

15. **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

*DM&L 15

There was no urgent business.

16. **Confirmation of Minutes**

*DM&L16

The Minutes of the Development Management and Licensing Committee Meeting held on 1 September 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

17. **Planning Applications**

*DM&L17

The Committee proceeded to consider the applications that had been prepared by the Development Management Specialists and considered also the comments of the Town and Parish Councils together with other representations received, which were listed within the presented agenda report and summarised below, and **RESOLVED** that:

(a) Application No: 0629/20/ARM Ward: Hatherleigh

Site Address: "Biddicombe" 31 Park Road, Hatherleigh, EX20 3JS
Approval of reserved matters following outline approval reference 1635/18/OPA

The Solicitor advised that due to receiving a representation containing a number of serious allegations concerning the planning officer's report to this application; and with the planning officer being engaged in a planning enquiry and not being able to attend this meeting, the application should be deferred until the report and allegations were considered.

The application would then be presented at the next Development Management and Licensing Committee meeting when the planning officer would be available.

The Chairman proposed deferral and was seconded. The Committee proceeded to approve the vote for the deferral.

18. **Planning Performance Indicators**

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The Head of Development Management (DM) took Members through the Performance Indicators. The Head of DM responded to a Member question about the high number of outstanding enforcement cases. He explained that cases received in the quarter from April to May 2020 were higher than any other quarter and yet the outstanding cases were kept at the same level and not seen to spike due to more cases being closed. He also confirmed that enforcement officers were once again, visiting sites, since lockdown.

19. **Planning Appeals Update**

*DM&L19

The Head of DM gave Members an update on the recent appeals.

The Meeting concluded at 9.55 am

Signed by:

Chairman
