

Minutes of the Development Control Committee Meeting held on 28 April 2016 at 10:02 am in the King Edmund Chamber, Endeavour House, Ipswich.

Present: Councillors Peter Beer (Chairman), Helen Armitage, Nick Barber, Jessica Fleming, Michael Gower, Gary Green, Gordon Jones, Richard Kemp, Bert Poole, Bill Quinton, Steve Searle and Andrew Stringer.

Supporting officers present: Rebekah Butcher (Democratic Services Officer), David Holt (Lead Lawyer), John Pitchford (Head of Planning) and Anita Seymour (Development Manager).

#### **43. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Graham Newman (substituted by Councillor Michael Gower), Councillor Joanna Spicer (substituted by Councillor Gordon Jones), Councillor Reg Silvester (substituted by Councillor Bert Poole) and Councillor Peter Byatt.

Councillor Gary Green substituted for the vacant post.

#### **44. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

There were no declarations made or dispensations given.

#### **45. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **46. Construction of a new sewage pumping station; Stradbroke Road Pumping Station, Lowestoft**

The Committee considered a report at Agenda Item 4, a retrospective application which sought the construction of a new pumping station and associated equipment for storm water storage on land off Stradbroke Road, Lowestoft.

Members questioned why this application was being heard by the Committee as no objections had been received. Officers confirmed that all new Waste and Mineral applications were required to be considered by the Committee under the rules of the Constitution. Members discussed amending the rules at Minute 57.

**Decision:** On the proposition of Councillor Gary Green, seconded by Councillor Jessica Fleming, the Committee unanimously agreed that the application be granted subject to the conditions recommended in the report by the Director of Resource Management.

**Reason for decision:** Having regard to the provisions of the Development Plan and other material planning considerations, the proposed development was

considered by Members to be in accordance with the provisions of the National Waste Planning Policy and Adopted Waste Core Strategy.

**Alternative options:** There were none considered.

**Declarations of interest:** There were none noted.

**Dispensations:** There were none granted.

#### **47. Scheme of Delegation – discussion by Members**

After consideration of Agenda Item 4, Members of the Committee heard from the Head of Planning in regard to potentially amending the Scheme of Delegation to allow minor Minerals and Waste applications to be considered under delegated authority.

Members discussed allowing delegated authority for Officers, but with the involvement of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Development Control Committee, as well as the requirement for a response from the Local Councillor.

**Recommendation:** The Committee agreed that the Development Manager would write a report, encompassing the Members comments, and would bring the report to a future committee meeting to seek Members views and a final decision. This would then be put forward to the Constitution Working Party for agreement and implementation.

**Reason for recommendation:** After hearing Agenda Item 4 (Minute 56), Members felt strongly that an application which had not received any objections could have been dealt with under delegated authority.

#### **48. Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

*The meeting closed at 10.42 am.*

Chairman