

## **SEATON TOWN COUNCIL**

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Meakin (Chairman)  
Cllrs P Burrows, Mrs P Collins, G Jones, Miss S O'Connell

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs M Greenyer, J Knight

#### **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr Armstrong of Windsor Court spoke on application 07/2363/COU, The Food House, Cross Street. He said he spoke on behalf of the owners of Windsor Court. Their particular concerns centred on the lack of fire escape from the upper floor or proposed exterior seating area; insufficient toilet facility; inappropriate siting of toilet facility; history of sewer problems at the site, thus possibly inadequate facility; lack of disabled toilet facility; insufficient storage facility for refuse. In addition he raised issues such as increased parking problems and food smells.

Mr Salter of Cross Street spoke on application 07/2363/COU. He did not support the proposals for the Food House because it was surrounded by residential properties, there was inadequate facility for toilets and no provision had been made for fire escape at the rear.

Mrs Aedo of Trotters spoke on application 07/2363/COU. She did not support the application to permit the property to be licensed for restaurant use, particularly in view of the number of such outlets in the town.

Mr While spoke on application 07/2363/COU and suggested that the applicant should liaise with EDDC to address issues such as lack of fire escape, toilet facility, etc.

Mr Andrews spoke on application 07/2363/COU. He was supportive of more retail outlets in the town but acknowledged that there were issues with this application that needed to be addressed.

Ms Ballerano spoke on application 07/2363/COU. She said as an employee at the Food House she had received much support from customers for opening such a facility in that part of town.

Mr Armstrong replied that he and the residents of Windsor Court had no objection to the current business but did object to the application to be licensed for restaurant use for the reasons already stated.

**267/07 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted and approved

**268/07 MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2007 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**269/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The chairman declared a personal interest in application 07/2358/RES, 16 Marlpit Lane, being the owner of neighbouring property;  
Cllr Burrows declared a personal interest in application 07/2363/COU, The Food House, Cross Street, due to statements made to him prior to the application. He said he would leave the room;  
Cllr Miss O'Connell declared a personal interest in application 07/2371/FUL, 22 Meadow Road, the applicant being a friend and neighbour.

**270/07 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- a) 07/0652/FUL two-storey side extension, **Apple Tree Cottage, Harepath Hill, Seaton**

Members unanimously recommended **Approval**

- b) 07/2358/RES approval of reserved matters for erection of dwelling, reference planning permission 06/2194/OUT **15 Marlpit Lane, Seaton**

Members recommended **Refusal** on the following grounds:

- a) footprint considerably larger than that approved in application 06/2194/OUT;
  - b) proposed height of building will have an overbearing effect on neighbouring property;
  - c) proposed height of building will result in loss of privacy to neighbouring property;
  - d) overdevelopment
- c) 07/2363/COU change of use of part of premises from shop (class A1) to restaurant and café (class A3) **The Food House, Cross Street, Seaton**

Cllr Burrows left the room

Members unanimously recommended **Refusal** on the following grounds:

- a) lack of fire exit at rear of premises;
- b) inappropriate and insufficient toilet facility;
- c) lack of disabled toilet provision
- d) insufficient refuse facility;
- e) potential noise pollution;
- f) inadequate extraction provision

Cllr Burrows returned to the room

**271/07** 07/2371/FUL alterations and extensions including attic conversion, 22 Meadow Road, Seaton

Members recommended approval by 4 votes in favour and 1 abstention (Cllr Jones)

**These Minutes approved this .....day of .....2007**

**Presiding Chairman .....**