

SEATON TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday 26th November 2007

PRESENT: Cllr J Meakin (Chairman)
Cllrs P Burrows, Mrs P Collins, M Greenyer, Miss S O'Connell
J Knight

APOLOGIES: Cllr G Jones

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs Taylor of 8 Foxglove Close, Seaton read out a statement of behalf of her and her husband, and on behalf of Mr Escott of 9 Foxglove Close. The statement was in respect of application 07/3113/FUL, The Nutshell, Gravel Lane, Seaton. Mrs Taylor said that the development at Gravel Lane was not in accordance with the conditions attached to the approval notice. She stated that EDDC informed her that amendments had been submitted and approved, but could not produce copies of either; one amendment had been received relating to one window but EDDC planning department believed it was incorrect. Mrs Taylor has asked for the matter to be referred to Development Control for a site visit. She has also written to ward members, chairman and vice chairman of development Control, the Enforcement Officer and the Ombudsman.

410/07 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted

411/07 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2007 were approved and signed by the chairman.

412/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Knight declared that he was a District Councillor

The chairman proposed bringing item 4 (c) The Nutshell, forward in view of Mr & Mrs Taylor's presence. This was agreed.

413/07 TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **07/3113/FUL installation of a first floor window (amendment to planning approval 07/0021/FUL) The Nutshell, Gravel Lane, Seaton**

Cllr Knight said that he would not talk on this application because he had already spoken to the residents.

Members unanimously recommended Refusal on the grounds that it was detrimental to properties at 8 and 9 Foxglove Close. 3 letters of objection.

Members also expressed their dissatisfaction and concern that two windows had been installed in this property that appear to have been approved but about which neither neighbours nor the Town Council had received notification. Members also noted that neighbours were concerned that materials being used did not conform with the conditions of planning permission.

Members request that a site visit be arranged which the enforcement officer also attends.

b) 07/3077/FUL provision of new roof (amended design), Uppacot, Harepath Hill, Seaton

Members unanimously recommended Approval although they were concerned that the design implied a different use and requested that a condition of any approval would be that the proposed studio/store would not be used for living accommodation

c) 07/3105/TRE thin and reduce crowns of 2 x lime trees. Prune back from pavement 1 x mimosa tree, 19 Honey Ditches Drive, Seaton

Members unanimously recommended Approval

d) 07/3128/COU change of use from retail to residential including alterations, 78 Queen Street, Seaton

Members recommended **Approval** by 5 votes in favour and 1 against, but requested that a condition of approval be that the front of the property should revert to a traditional residential style rather than remain commercial in design

e) 07/3154/TCA reduce and re-shape yew tree by 50% and remove one limb growing to the east, 1 Major Terrace, Seaton

Members voted by 4 votes and 1 abstention (Cllr Burrows) to recommend **Refusal**. They were very concerned that to reduce a tree by 50% was excessive and could seriously jeopardise the health of the tree. They asked that a condition of any approval be that any works had to be undertaken by a professional tree surgeon.

f) 07/3170/TRE 25% crown reduction via thinning of 1 whitebeam, remove 1 lawson cypress hedge and remove 1 dominant leader from a weeping birch, 12 Honey Ditches Drive, Seaton

Members recommended Approval by 4 votes in favour and 2 abstentions (Cllrs Burrows and Knight)

These Minutes confirmed thisday of2007

Presiding Chairman