

SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

25th May 2004 at 6.00 p.m.

Present : Councillors Mrs Goad (Chairman), Parris (Vice-Chairman), Biss, Mrs Brown, Butler, Mrs Hall, Haymes, Mrs Hazlehurst, Hill, Mrs Maconachie, Matthews (Substituting for Councillor Brookman), Mrs Olliver, Scutt and Mrs Stainton.

(Note : Councillor Biss was absent from the meeting during consideration of the matters referred to in Minutes 40 to 42.)

Councillors Dendle, Dixon, Lury. Mrs Oakley and Wingrove were present for part of the meeting.

40. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Brookman and Dyball.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Butler declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 5, Planning Applications, and stated he would leave the meeting during its consideration.

42. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(Prior to consideration of these applications, Councillor Butler had declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting and did not vote.)

AB/117/03/L – Listed Building Consent for radio base station for the antenna network comprising of the removal of existing police antennas and their replacement with 4m flagpole and equipment cabins on tower roof space, Arundel Castle, Arundel The Committee was advised that this application had been withdrawn by the Agent by letter received on 24th May 2004.

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AB/119/03 – Radio base station for the Airwave Network, 4m flagpole equipment cabinet mounted on tower, Arundel Castle, Arundel The Committee was advised that this application had been withdrawn by the Agent by letter received on 24th May 2004.

FN/68/03 – Temporary 15m telecommunications installation for airwave MMO2 Ltd, Tolmare Farm, Long Furlong, Findon Having received a report on the matter, the Committee

RESOLVED

That the application be refused as detailed in the report.

PA/2/04 – Telecommunications base station comprising 15m replica telegraph pole with shroud concealing antennae plus equipment cabinet, land outside of 'Shutters', Long Furlong, Clapham Having received a report on the matter, together with the officer's written report update detailing an additional consultation response from the South Downs Conservation Board offering no objection to the proposal, the Committee

RESOLVED

That the application be refused as detailed in the report.

PA/21/03 – Installation of 6m high wooden pole supporting 3 Omni antennae with ancillary ground based equipment within a compound of 5.71m x 5.34m, Patching Hill Reservoir, Long Furlong, Patching Having received a report on the matter, together with the officer's written report update detailing additional information received from the Agent, Members were reminded that this application was subject to an appeal against non-determination, which was due to be heard in July 2004. The Committee therefore

RESOLVED

That the application would have been refused for the reasons detailed in the report.

PA/26/03 – Installation of 6m high wooden pole supporting 3 Omni antenna with ancillary ground based equipment within a compound of 5.71m x 5.34m (duplicate with PA/21/03), Patching Hill Reservoir, Long Furlong, Patching Having received a report on the matter, the Committee

RESOLVED

That the application be refused as detailed in the report.

43. MOTION FROM FULL COUNCIL ON 12TH MAY 2004

A motion had been received and considered at Full Council on 12th May 2004 that "Minute 1019 (2) and (3) (Review of the Scheme of Delegation) of the Minutes of the Development Control Committee held on 7th April 2004 be referred back to the Development Control Committee for further consideration, the views of all Councillors will be sought and responses considered".

Prior to consideration of the motion, the Head of Planning Services stated that Minute 1019 (1) "that the Scheme of Delegation not be amended at this time but that a review be carried out in six months time", could not be dealt with at this meeting as it had gone through and been agreed by Full Council. If Members wished this to be changed, advice had been received from the Council's Solicitor that a motion would have to be put forward to the next Full Council meeting on 14th July 2004, which would then be referred back to the Development Control meeting on 28th July 2004.

Concerns were highlighted that the Planning Department was under performing for various reasons and an amendment to the Scheme of Delegation was one way to redress this situation, particularly as there could be a significant impact on the amount of Planning Development Grant that would be awarded to the Council. Members were advised that any change would not now improve the grant situation for this year and it was therefore agreed that work and consultation should commence on any amendment to the Scheme of Delegation so that as soon as practically possible it could be put into effect.

The Head of Planning Services also put forward several suggestions to Members which might assist them when considering planning applications and which might, also, help to speed up the process.

In considering the motion with specific regard to Minute 1019 (2) "that the Public Speaking Procedures be amended to allow one objector and one supporter to speak for up to 3 minutes", following debate it was agreed that this should be rescinded and that the Public Speaking Procedures should revert to two objectors and two supporters to speak for up to 3 minutes on each application.

In respect of Minute 1019 (3) "that one Ward Member only to speak for up to 3 minutes on any one application", it was accepted that this in fact was in contradiction with the Council's Constitution and it was therefore agreed that Ward Members should maintain their right to speak but, in the interests of fairness, would be requested by the Chairman to limit their presentation to 3 minutes, as in the case of the public speakers.

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Mention was also made of resolution (4) "that the start times for meetings in 2004/05 be 2.30 p.m." and the Chairman agreed that she would use her discretion to change the order of the Agenda where necessary.

The Committee

RESOLVED

That resolutions (2) and (3) of Minute 1019 be rescinded.

(The meeting concluded at 7.10 pm)