

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH JUNE 2021 AT 6.00PM

Present: In the Chair: Cllr M. Cornelius
 Cllr M. Bushell Cllr T. King
 Cllr D. Worden

In Attendance: Mr. A. C. Coates – Town Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Herniman and Hulland.

2. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that Tom Biddle from Baker Estates would be giving a short presentation on Application Number 73446. He also suggested that Application Numbers 73440 and 73441 be taken together.

The Chairman had also received an email from a resident concerned about the Infrastructure with all the extra housing in South Molton. The Chairman said he would be responding to the email.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Worden - Agenda Item 5(b) and (c)- Personal Interest – Acquaintance of Applicant

Cllr Cornelius- Agenda item 5(b) and (c)- Personal Interest- Distant relative by marriage of the Applicant.

The Town Clerk also Granted a Blanket Personal Interest on Agenda Item 5(d) and (e)- Applicant known to all Councillors.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Planning Committee

6th May 2021

It was unanimously RESOLVED that these minutes be approved subject to two amendments discussed at the meeting.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a)

Application No: 73446

Applicant: Mr Tom Biddle

Proposal: Reserved matters for approval of appearance, landscaping, layout & scale for the erection of 89 residential dwellings and their associated roads, drainage, landscaping & open space (outline planning permission 61953)

Location: Land West of North Road South Molton Devon

It was unanimously RESOLVED that this application be recommended for approval.

b)

Application No: 73303

Applicant: Mr G Smaldon

Proposal: Conversion of agricultural buildings to 3 dwellings, erection of bat/owl building and associated infrastructure

Location: South Hill Farm Filleigh Barnstaple Devon EX32 0RP

Despite the fact that this application was outside of the South Molton Parish it was RESOLVED that this application be recommended for approval but that consideration should be given to the South Elevation drawings showing several glass windows which might not be in keeping with the rest of the Application. Against: Cllr Cornelius.

c)

Application No. 73304

Applicant: Mr G Smaldon

Proposal: Siting of 2 gas tanks together with alterations to access track

Location South Hill Farm Filleigh Barnstaple Devon EX32 0RP

Councillors only comment on this application was that renewable energy options should be explored.

d)

Application No: 73440

Applicant: Mr Geoffrey Clapp

Proposal: Conversion of office space & former picture framing business space to form 2 flats

Location: Clapp and Seddon 10 Broad Street South Molton Devon EX36 3AB

It was unanimously RESOLVED that this application be recommended for refusal on the following grounds:

- Loss of commercial space within the Town when there is a high demand for commercial space.
- The layout is not ideal and the position of the toilets is inappropriate.
- Overintensification.
- Poor quality of light within the design.
- No area earmarked for rubbish.
- Windows from bedrooms overlooking each other.
- No proper Emergency Service Access.

e)

Application No: 73441

Applicant: Mr Geoffrey Clapp

Proposal: Listed building application for conversion of office space & former picture framing business space to form 2 flats

Location: Clapp and Seddon 10 Broad Street South Molton Devon EX36 3AB

It was unanimously RESOLVED that this application be recommended for refusal on the following grounds:

- Loss of commercial space within the Town when there is a high demand for commercial space.
- The layout is not ideal and the position of the toilets is inappropriate.
- Overintensification.

- Poor quality of light within the design.
- No area earmarked for rubbish.
- Windows from bedrooms overlooking each other.
- No proper Emergency Service Access.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.04pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....