

**LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5 APRIL 2022**

Present:

Chairman: Cllr G Turner

Members: Cllr J. Broom and Cllr C. Reynolds

Officers: M. Green (deputy town clerk)

21/77/P Public Forum

Mr Klosok explained that he was present, together with his wife and business partner, to speak in support of application P/COU/2021/02272 (Russell House).

The chairman invited him to speak immediately prior to consideration of this application.

21/78/P Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Cllr B. Bawden (fear of intimidation)

Cllr M. Ellis (work commitments)

Cllr B. Larcombe MBE (mayoral engagement)

21/79/P Minutes

Proposed by Cllr J. Broom and seconded by Cllr G Turner, the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2022 were **ADOPTED** without amendment.

21/80/P Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No pecuniary interests were declared in relation to the business of this meeting.

21/81/P Dispensations

There was no grant of dispensations made by the town clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.

21/82/P Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2022

There were no matters arising.

21/83/P Update Report

There were no updates.

21/84/P Planning Applications

Planning applications were considered in accordance with the details circulated.

Proposed by Cllr C. Reynolds and seconded by Cllr J. Broom it was **resolved** that application P/COU/2021/02272 be considered first to avoid those in the public forum for this item being unnecessarily detained.

- 1) **P/COU/2021/02272-CHANGE OF USE-** (Received 7 September 2021)
Wiscombe – Change of use from office/live space (B1) to 1.no dwelling (C3) – Russell House, Unit 2, Lym Close, Lyme Regis, DT7 3DE.

Mr Klosok spoke in support of the application. He referred to the correspondence which had been circulated to members in advance of the meeting and which set out the history of the building and the owner's attempts to find a good and commercially viable use for it over the years. He also referred to the correspondence from local valuer, Martin Diplock, in which he set out his attempts to find a buyer for the building.

Mr Klosok explained the current and recent uses of the building, which had tended to be low value storage uses, and the current poor condition of the building.

In response to questions from members, he confirmed that he was the prospective purchaser of the building and that his interest was subject to planning permission being granted for its change of use to holiday let accommodation. He emphasised that, in his opinion, this use would have greater local employment and economic benefit than the current use and would provide the necessary investment in the building to safeguard its ongoing use.

Members discussed the application at some length but remained of the view that there was no evidence of any very recent attempts to market or let the building for its currently permitted employment use. They also highlighted the lack of employment and commercial space in the town.

In the circumstances, they felt there was no option other than to maintain their previous objection to the application because, contrary to policy ECON3 in the adopted West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan, it involves the loss of employment space without any supporting information to evidence any recent or

current attempt to market the space for employment use and/or the lack of market demand for that space.

- 2) **P/HOU/2022/01302-HOUSEHOLDER-** (Received 10 March 2022)
Vallely – Demolish Garage and erect Annexe – 12A Hays close, Lyme Regis, DT7 3NJ.

*Members recommended the application be **approved** because there were no planning reasons to warrant its refusal.*

- 3) **P/LBC/2022/01670-LBC-** (Received 15 March 2022)
Sainsbury Repair to 3 parts of the existing roof to include the removal and replacement of various types of slate tiles-High Cliff House, Sidmouth Road, Lyme Regis, DT7 3EQ.

*Members recommended the application be **approved** because there were no listing reasons to warrant its refusal.*

- 4) **P/LBC/2022/01883-LBC-** (Received 30 March 2022)
Walker – Remove existing sand and cement render and re-render with hydraulic lime – 36A Broad Street, Lyme Regis, DT7 3QF.

*Members recommended the application be **approved** because there were no listing reasons to warrant its refusal.*

- 5) **P/HOU/2022/01895-HOUSEHOLDER-** (Received 25 March 2022)
Titheridge – External alterations to existing dwelling including Oak/glass gable end to East Elevation, Rear dormer windows, Flat roof balcony, Front Dormer and balcony and a carport – Cobblers, Greenway, Lyme Regis, DT7 3EY.

*Subject to the application involving the use of no soakaways, members recommended the application be **approved** because there were no other planning reasons to warrant its refusal.*

21/85/P Amended/Additional Plans

There were no amended/additional applications to be considered at this meeting.

21/86/P Withdrawn Applications

There were no withdrawn applications to be considered at this meeting.

21/87/P Planning Decisions

The planning decisions received from the planning authority were **NOTED**.

21/88/P Correspondence from Dorset Council regarding planning related matters.

The correspondence from Dorset Council was **NOTED**.

The meeting finished at 7.50 p.m.