

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held at Council Chamber, Surrey Heath House, Knoll Road, Camberley, GU15 3HD on 9 February 2023

+ Cllr Edward Hawkins (Chairman)
+ Cllr Victoria Wheeler (Vice Chairman)

+ Cllr Graham Alleway	- Cllr Liz Noble
- Cllr Peter Barnett	+ Cllr Robin Perry
- Cllr Cliff Betton	- Cllr Darryl Ratiram
+ Cllr Stuart Black	+ Cllr Morgan Rise
+ Cllr Paul Deach	+ Cllr Graham Tapper
* Cllr Mark Gordon	+ Cllr Helen Whitcroft
+ Cllr David Lewis	+ Cllr Valerie White
- Cllr Charlotte Morley	

+ Present

- Apologies for absence presented

* In attendance virtually

Substitutes: Cllr Paul Deach for Cllr Darryl Ratiram
Cllr Morgan Rise for Cllr Liz Noble

Members in Attendance: Cllrs Richard Brooks and Pat Tedder

Officers Present: Sarita Bishop
Gavin Chinniah
William Hinde
Jonathan Partington, Development Manager

55/P Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Applications Committee held on 19th January 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

56/P Application Number: 22/1068 Formal Park and Church Hall, Princess Royal Barracks, Brunswick Road, Deepcut

The application was a reserved matters application for the provision of a formal park with associated works and internal and external alterations to the former Garrison Church of St Barbara, a Grade II listed building including part demolition of the north east elevation and erection of a single storey side extension to provide a church hall.

The proposed development was considered to provide an appropriate formal park with associated facilities and would form an important component of the green infrastructure provision that would serve the Mindenhurst development. The proposals were compatible with the objectives of the Deepcut Supplementary Planning Document, the hybrid planning permission and the Section106 agreement.

The Committee was informed that due to annual leave the Arboricultural Officer had not had the opportunity to fully consider the impacts of the application and, in order to prevent undue delays, the recommendation had been amended to defer and delegate any outstanding landscape and arboricultural matters including consequential changes and

amended conditions as set out in the update sheet to the Head of Planning in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning Applications Committee and local ward councillors

The officer's amended recommendation that the application, as set out in the report and the update sheet be approved was proposed by Councillor Deach, seconded by Councillor Whitcroft, put to the vote and passed unanimously.

RESOLVED that application 22/1068/RRM be approved.

NOTE 1

It was noted for the record that Councillors Deach, Rise and Whitcroft had been in regular dialogue with SKANSKA in their capacity as ward councillors.

57/P Exclusion of Public and Press

RESOLVED that pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of Items 6 and 7 as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3:

- (1) Information relating to any individual
- (3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

58/P Planning Enforcement Update

The Committee received an update in respect of an ongoing Planning Enforcement case involving the conversion of a field shelter on Green Belt Land into habitable accommodation which had been ongoing for a number of years.

A suggestion that a press release should be prepared would be followed up.

The Committee questioned what lessons the Council could learn from the case so that it did not find itself in a similar position in the future. It was noted that the additional resources put into the Corporate Enforcement Team would enable the Council to deal with planning breaches in a more timely manner and the case would be reviewed to identify areas for improvement.

The Committee endorsed the proposed course of action.

59/P Planning Update and Appeals

The Committee received a presentation on the outcomes of recent appeals that had been made to the Planning Inspectorate following the Council's decisions.

It was reported that to date for the 2022/23 financial year, 92% of major planning applications and 88% of minor/other planning applications received had been determined in time (against internal targets of 80% and 84% respectively). At the end of quarter 3 (September to December 2022), 42 appeals relating to Surrey Heath had been determined by the Planning Inspectorate of which 74% had been dismissed.

The Committee noted the presentation.