

MINUTES of the meeting of the Northern Area Planning Sub-Committee held at Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford on 25th February, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Councillor J.W. Hope (Chairman)
Councillor J. Stone (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors B.F. Ashton, Mrs. L.O. Barnett, W.L.S. Bowen, R.B.A. Burke, P.J. Dauncey, J.H.R. Goodwin, K.G. Grumbley, P.E. Harling, B. Hunt, T.W. Hunt, Brig. P. Jones C.B.E., R.M. Manning, R. Mills, R. V. Stockton, J.P. Thomas and J.B. Williams (Ex Officio).

In attendance: Councillor P.J. Edwards

60. SENIOR PLANNING OFFICER

The Chairman reported that Mr R. Pryce, Senior Planning Officer, had secured a post with another local planning authority. In Mr Pryce's absence, he asked officers to convey the Sub-Committee's thanks to him for his professionalism over the years, and to wish him well in his new post.

61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J.P. French, R.J. Phillips and D.W. Rule MBE.

62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor	Item	Interest
P.E. Harling	Agenda Item 5, Ref. 2 – DCNE2003/3344/F - New Bungalow & detached garage at: The Priory Gatehouse, Worcester Road, Ledbury, Herefordshire	Declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item.
P.J. Dauncey	Agenda Item 5, Ref. 10 – DCNC2003/3805/F - Refurbishment & extension to existing convenience store at: Hatton Park Stores, Hatton Park, Bromyard, Herefordshire	Declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

63. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28th January, 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

64. ITEM FOR INFORMATION – APPEALS

The Sub-Committee noted the Council's current position in respect of planning appeals for the northern area of Herefordshire.

In respect of Planning Application NE2003/0664/O (Rosemore, Wellington Heath, Ledbury), the Principal Planning Officer confirmed that Members' decision had been contrary to officers' advice.

In respect of Planning Application DCNW2003/2276/O (Firtree House, Holmesmarsh, Lyonshall, Kington), members noted that the Inspector's decision was contrary to previous appeal decisions on similar issues, and as a result, officers would closely review it and challenge it if appropriate.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

65. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

The report of the Head of Planning Services was presented in respect of planning applications received for the northern area of Herefordshire.

RESOLVED: That the planning applications be determined as set out in the appendix to these minutes.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED: That under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as indicated below.

SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF EXEMPT INFORMATION**66. ITEM FOR INFORMATION - ENFORCEMENT**

The Sub-Committee received an information report about enforcement matters in the northern area of Herefordshire.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

(This item disclosed:

- Any instructions to counsel and any opinion of counsel (whether or not in connection with any proceedings) and any advice received, information obtained or action to be taken in connection with:
 - (a) any legal proceedings by or against the authority, or
 - (b) the determination of any matter affecting the authority

(whether, in each case, proceedings have been commenced or are in contemplation).

- Information which, if disclosed to the public, would reveal that the authority proposes:
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
- Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.)

The meeting ended at 3:52 p.m.

CHAIRMAN