MINUTES of the meeting of the Northern Area Planning Sub-Committee held at Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford on 24th March, 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, Mrs. J.P. French, J.H.R. Goodwin, K.G. Grumbley, P.E. Harling, B. Hunt, T.W. Hunt T.M. James, R.M. Manning, R. Mills, R.J. Phillips, D.W. Rule M.B.E., J.P. Thomas and J.B. Williams (Ex Officio).

In attendance: Councillors P.J. Edwards and Mrs J.E. Pemberton

66. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Brig. P. Jones CBE and R.V. Stockton.

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

| Councillor | Item | Interest |
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| Mrs J.P. French | Agenda Item 5, Ref. 1 – DCNC2003/3755/F - Upgrade an access track to a stone surface at: | Declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item. |
| | The Tack Farm, Ullingswick | |
| P.J. Dauncey | Agenda Item 5, Ref. 2 – DCNC2003/3805/F - Refurbishment and extension to existing convenience store at: | Declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item. |
| | Hatton Park Stores, Hatton Park, Bromyard | |
| W.L.S. Bowen | Agenda Item 5, Ref. 4 – DCNC/2004/0321/F - Construction of amenity building, toilet buildings and siteworks for 300 unit caravan standing for farmworkers accommodation at: | Declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item. |
| | Brierley Court Farm, Brierley, Leominster | |

| Councillor | Item | Interest |
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| R.M. Manning | Agenda Item 5, Ref. 5 – DCNC2003/1895/N - Pilot plant and associated buildings for accelerated composting of organic material for 5 years at: | Declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item. |
| | Wharton Court, Wharton, Leominster | |
| B.F. Ashton | Agenda Item 5, Ref. 13 – DCNC2004/0430/F - Nursery and Family Centre off: Coningsby Road, Leominster | Declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item. |
| D.W.Rule | Agenda Item 5, Ref. 13 – DCNC2004/0430/F - Nursery and Family Centre off: Coningsby Road, Leominster | Declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item. |
| J.P. Thomas | Agenda Item 5, Ref. 13 – DCNC2004/0430/F - Nursery and Family Centre off: Coningsby Road, Leominster | Declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item. |

68. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th February, 2004 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

69. PLANNING DELIVERY GRANT

The Chairman of the Planning Committee was delighted to report that in recognition of its continued efficient service delivery, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister had awarded the Planning Services Division a Planning Delivery Grant of £406,262. The Sub-Committee expressed its appreciation for the hard work undertaken by the Division in achieving the Grant.

70. ITEM FOR INFORMATION - APPEALS

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

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

71. 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

72. 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 4.55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN