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Minutes of a meeting of the Worthing Planning Committee 23 March 2022 at 6.30 pm

Councillor Noel Atkins (Chair)
Councillor Karen Harman (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Daniel Coxhill
Councillor Jim Deen
**Councillor Helen Silman

Councillor John Turley
**Councillor Martin McCabe
Councillor Steve Wills

**Absent

Officers: Planning Services Manager and Democratic Services Officer

WBC-PC/74/21-22 Substitute Members

Cllr Sally Smith substituted for Cllr Martin McCabe

WBC-PC/75/21-22 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Noel Atkins declared an interest as an elected Member of WSCC

WBC-PC/76/21-22 Public Question Time

There were no questions raised under Public Question Time

WBC-PC/77/21-22 Confirmation of Minutes

Cllr Jim Deen requested 2 amendments of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16 February 2022, which were agreed to by the committee, as follows (in red) -

1. (application 1, para 1)

The Head of Planning & Development began his presentation clarifying why this was the third occasion planning permission had been sought for this development, after which he went through his presentation fully. ~~He explained that this was a fresh application and not a re-submission of the application heard at committee in October 2021.~~

2. (application 1, para 2)

The Committee posed questions to the Head of Planning & Development on subjects including viability, ~~climate emergency issues~~, the sustainability of the proposed project and concerns over ~~loss of heritage issues~~ ~~assets~~.

RESOLVED - The amended minutes were then confirmed as a correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

WBC-PC/78/21-22 Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions

There were no items raised under urgency provisions

WBC-PC/79/21-22 Planning Applications

The applications were considered, see attached appendix

WBC-PC/80/21-22 Planning Appeals

None to report since the last meeting. The Planning Services Manager took this opportunity to provide the committee with a verbal update on the Chatsmore Farm appeal which had been successful. He informed members that Officers were actively investigating whether they had grounds to challenge the decision

The meeting ended at 7.16 pm

Chairman

Application Number:	AWDM/0025/22	Recommendation - APPROVE
Site:	Telecommunications Site Wtg004, Broadwater Road, Worthing	
Proposal:	Upgrade and replacement of existing 15m street-pole style telecommunications mast with 16m street-pole style telecommunications mast. Addition of 1no. ground-based equipment cabinet.	
Applicant:	EE Ltd	Ward: Gaisford
Agent:	Ms Esther Valencia	
Case Officer:	Gary Peck	

The Planning Services Manager delivered his representation explaining that there had been one further objection on the grounds of Health. The Officer explained that at the time this application was submitted planning permission was required to erect a mast. However, the government had since passed a law allowing masts to be erected under permitted development rights which was to come into effect on 4th April 2022.

The Officer clarified that the planning department had previously refused permission for masts to be erected due to their effect on a street scene but on appeal the inspector had, focusing on government policy rather than aesthetics, upheld the appeals.

There were representations from two registered objectors that focused on the health concerns surrounding 5G masts.

In response to a request for guidance from the committee as to whether health issues should be considered by a planning committee the Officer explained that health was not a planning concern.

The committee agreed to **APPROVE**

Subject to Conditions:-

1. Approved Plans
2. Full Permission
3. If during development, any visible contaminated or odorous material, (for example, asbestos containing material, stained soil, petrol/diesel/solvent odour, underground tanks or associated pipework) not previously identified, is found to be present at the site, no further development (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority) shall be carried out until it has been investigated by the developer. The Local Planning Authority must be informed immediately of the nature and degree of the contamination present and a method statement detailing how the

unsuspected contamination shall be dealt with must be prepared and submitted to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing before being implemented. If no such contaminated material is identified during the development, a statement to this effect must be submitted in writing to the Local Planning Authority.

4. The existing mast and associated equipment shall be removed from the site within a timescale to be agreed in writing and the land restored to a condition as agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure timely removal of the existing mast in the interests of the visual appearance of the site

Application Number:	AWDM/2317/21	Recommendation - APPROVE
Site:	Assembly Hall And Richmond Room Stoke Abbott Road Worthing West Sussex	
Proposal:	Listed Building Consent for installation of a solar photovoltaic system on the roof	
Applicant:	Carol Murphy WBC	Ward:Central
Agent:	Mark Stevenson	
Case Officer:	Jackie Fox	

The committee agreed to **grant listed building consent**

Subject to Conditions:-

1. Approved Plans
2. LB Time Limit

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