Development Control Committee

MINUTES of a meeting of the Development Control Committee held at the National Park Office, Murley Moss, Kendal at 10.00 am on 4 November 2009.

Present
Ms J H Cooke (Chair)
Mr W Barr
Mr H Branney
Mrs S E Brown
Mr N Clarkson
Mrs D A Hall
Mr J M Hayton
Mr J S Holliday
Mr W Jefferson OBE
Mr M S McKinley
Mrs V J C Rees

Apologies
Admiral Sir John Kerr GCB DL
Mr J G Thompson
Professor J Rowan-Robinson

121/09 Apologies

Apologies were received from Sir John Kerr, Professor Rowan-Robinson and Mr Thompson.

122/09 Minutes

Mr Hayton asked for a minor amendment in relation to planning application 7/2009/5427 (minute 116/09) to read that he “requested” that the vote be recorded in the minutes rather than “requisitioned”.

Decided: that subject to the minor amendment of minute 116/09, the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

123/09 Chair’s Announcements

The Legal Adviser provided advice to Members in relation to Declarations of Interest and Lobbying.

124/09 Declarations of Interest

Mr Barr declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 7/2009/5576 as he operates a caravan site in close proximity to Skelwith Fold Caravan Park. He left the room and took no part in the discussion or debate.

Mrs Rees declared a personal interest in planning applications 7/2009/5523 and 7/2009/5576 as she is a member of Lakes Parish Council. She advised the Committee that she had taken no part in any discussions relating to the applications.

125/09 Public Participation

There were no questions, petitions or deputations of a general nature relating to the business of the Committee.
126/09 **Site Inspections**

The Head of Development Management informed Members that planning applications for the following developments had been received and he proposed that Members conduct site inspections –

- **The Clock Tower**, Off B5278, Adjacent to road leading into Low Wood, Haverthwaite, Near Ulverston: Alterations, renovation and extension to the existing Clock Tower, conversion of two free standing garages into B1 office units.
- **Stricely Fell Caravan Site**, Force Mills, Rusland: Use of land for the stationing of 2 additional caravans and associated landscaping.
- **Hawkshead**: Enforcement issue.

Mr Hayton proposed a site inspection at Masonic Hall, St Johns Street, Keswick. (Item 2 on the Schedule of Planning Applications (7/2009/2122)).

Members agreed to both proposals.

**Decided:** to conduct site inspections on 11 November 2009 at:

- The Clock Tower, Off B5278, Adjacent to road leading into Low Wood, Haverthwaite, Near Ulverston; and
- Stricely Fell Caravan Site, Force Mills, Rusland
- Derwent Close, Keswick
- Hawkshead
- Masonic Hall, St Johns Street, Keswick

127/09 **Planning Applications with Public Speaking**

In accordance with the Authority’s Policy for Public Speaking at Meetings, the public participated at this stage in the meeting. Details of those attending in respect of specific applications are set out in Annex 1 to these minutes.

128/09 **Schedule of Planning Applications**

The Committee considered planning applications and reached decisions as listed in the schedule.

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The meeting was adjourned and reconvened after a 5 minute break.
7/2009/5484 Approved with Conditions
7/2009/5523 Granted Listed Building Consent

129/09 **Delegated Planning Applications**

Mr Hayton questioned why planning application 7/2009/5230 had been approved under delegated authority and not brought before Members. The Head of Development Management agreed to look into the matter and would respond to Members by e-mail.

**Decided:** to accept the report of the Head of Development Management.

130/09 **Appeals Lodged**

**Decided:** to note that the following appeals had been lodged:

7/2009/4039 Removal of present temporary bridge and raised road, and replacement with a 54m long by 5m wide curved concrete causeway type bridge with oak clad abutments and steel railings. To re-facilitate a natural laterally moving river approximately 3 braided river channels will be seeded/excavated through the existing landform (eg. Gorse) both up and downstream. To create a natural delta into Wastwater. Landscaping of all surplus excavated material on adjacent campsite to assist flood protection

Land adjacent Camp Site, Wasdale Head, Seascale, CA20 1EX Planning

131/09 **Appeals Decided**

**Decided:** to note that the following appeals had been decided:

7/2008/5417 Sunny Orchard, Kentmere Road, Staveley, LA8 9JF Temporary residential caravan for agricultural worker
ALLOWED
Delegated decision

7/2009/2092 5 Windebrowe Avenue, Keswick, CA12 4JA Extensions to dwelling
DISMISSED
Delegated decision

7/2008/3090 Hillcroft Caravan Park, Pooley Bridge, Penrith, CA10 2LT Siting of 8 camping pods with associated car parking spaces
ALLOWED
Committee decision, contrary to officer’s recommendation

132/09 **Appeals Withdrawn**

7/2009/5152 Hills Garage, Coniston, LA21 8EN 3 no. free standing single sided display units

133/09 **Quarterly Development Management Performance Reporting**

The Team Leader – Development Control introduced the report and highlighted targets and information on the Authority’s performance in development control for the quarter, 1 July to 30 September 2009.
Members praised Officers on the pre-application advice given to members of the public.

The Leading Compliance Planner highlighted information on the Authority’s performance in compliance for the same period. Although staffing changes had occurred, the Team had worked hard and been able to keep all under control.

Mr Branney requested an update on the enforcement matter at Lane End, Lowick. The Leading Compliance Planner advised Members that a retrospective planning application had been received and an assessment regarding the necessity of on-site accommodation was underway. It was hoped that the planning application would be brought to Committee in December/January.

**Decided:** to note the performance monitoring information provided.

(The meeting finished at 1.10 pm)
## Public Participation: Development Control Committee – 4 November 2009

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<td>Street Head Hesket Newmarket Wigton CA7 8JZ</td>
<td>Mr J Brownrigg (Applicant)</td>
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<td>7/2009/5576</td>
<td>Skelwith Fold Caravan Park Ltd Skelwith Fold Ambleside LA22 0HX</td>
<td>Mr R Barrs (Agent) Mr H Wild (Applicant)</td>
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