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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs. J. Warr (Chairman), Cllrs: J. Cosgrove,
P. Dillon, S. Goodheart and P. Woodall

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. S. Norman (Deputy Clerk)
1 member of the press
1 Councillor in the public gallery: Cllr. J. Brooks

The Meeting opened at 6.00pm

191. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed those present and went through the evacuation procedure in the event of a fire. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Stanley who was working and Cllr. Mrs. Daniells. No apologies were received from Cllr. Enticott.

192. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers were reminded to make any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and/or Ordinary Interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda.

Members and Officers should make their declaration by stating:

- a) the item they have the Interest in
- b) whether it is a Disclosable Pecuniary or Ordinary Interest
- c) the nature of the Interest
- d) if it is an Ordinary Interest whether they intend to leave the room for the discussion and vote
- e) if it is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, and therefore must leave the room for the discussion and vote, whether they will be exercising their right to speak on this matter under Public Question Time

They then need to re-declare their Interest and the nature of the Interest at the commencement of the item or when the Interest becomes apparent. They should request that it be recorded in the Minutes that they will leave the meeting and will neither take part in discussion, nor vote on the item.

In accordance with good practice, individual forms were available to those Councillors present in order that they could personally record

their Interests - both Disclosable Pecuniary and Ordinary. These forms should be returned to the Committee Clerk at the end of the meeting to enable all declarations of Interest to be accurately recorded in the Minutes. Members were reminded that it is their responsibility to notify the Monitoring Officer of all Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Ordinary Interests notifiable under the Council's Code of Conduct, not already recorded on their Register of Interests Form, within 28 days.

The Chairman reminded Members to declare their Interests as any arise or again at the relative point in the meeting if they have already.

Cllr. Dillon stated that, as a Member of Arun District Council, he would be voting on the matters before him having regard only to such information as placed before the Town Council. If he should come to consider any matters again at the District Council, and further information may be available, he would consider the information available at that time and may come to a different decision

Cllr. Brooks, seated in the public gallery, stated he was also a Member of Arun District Council and may consider these matters again at the District Council

193. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND STATEMENTS

There were no questions or statements from the public gallery.

194. TO CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION FROM ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE DEMOLITION ORDER PLACED ON 2-4 WATERLOO SQUARE, BOGNOR REGIS

The Civic & Office Manager's report was noted.

Members proceeded to discuss the status of the ownership of both the land and the buildings at 2-4 Waterloo Square and agreed that more clarity on this issue was required.

Members also raised concern over the methodology for the surveyor's report on which the Demolition Order was based, as information received suggested that this had been based on the survey undertaken by the planning permission applicant together with an external visual inspection of the buildings.

It was noted that two Councillors either had already made, or intended to make, their own enquiries with ADC on this and other queries relating to the site and that part of this investigation would be by way of a Freedom of Information request. The information received would be referred back to this Committee for consideration.

It was noted that the original planning application for the demolition of the building (BR/191/18/PL) remained undetermined and Members expressed their grave concern that the Demolition Order served by ADC on 15th January 2019, resulted in circumvention of the democratic planning process.

Following debate, it was **AGREED** that a letter should be written to ADC stating that this Committee **RESOLVES**:

That ADC delay the implementation of the Demolition Order served on 15th January 2019 until further information, as requested by Members, has been considered by this Committee;

That the deep concern of this Committee be noted that ADC Development Control has an application before them, which remains undetermined, and the recent serving of the Demolition Order circumvents the usual and democratic planning process;

That an invitation be extended to a representative from ADC to attend a Committee meeting and answer questions that the Members have regarding this matter.

The Meeting closed at 6.28pm