

**Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 in the Council Chamber, Alnwick at 6.00pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs R Roberts (Chairman), P Allcroft, P Broom, Cllr D Farrar, M Harrington, P Holt, J Humphries, G Mavin, K Moore and A Symmonds.

**In attendance:** W Batey, Town Clerk and J Pidworth, Administration Assistant.

**P46/13 Apologies**

B Grisdale

**P47/13 Declarations of Interest**

None

**P48/13 Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were approved and they were duly signed by the Committee Chairman.

**P49/13 Matters Arising**

The Chairman gave updates on the recent NCC Northern Area Planning Committee meeting where approvals had been given to the proposed Weatherspoon's development and the Aldi/Majestic Wines site. She outlined the nature of the debates and the public speaking; she suggested that they may be future occasions where the Town Council may wish to register to speak on an application

**P50/13. To minute responses made since last meeting**

Since the last meeting no responses had been agreed by email.

**P51/13 Planning Applications**

The following applications were discussed and comments were made as listed:

**14/00234/VARYCO Land at Willoughby's Bank, Clayport Bank, Variation of conditions to allow minor material alterations**

No objections

**14/00294/COU 10/11/12 Hotspur Court, Lionheart Enterprise Park, Change of Use from B1, B2 and B8 uses to a builders merchant trade/retail unit and warehouse etc.**

No objections

**14/00359/FUL Land South of Greensfield Industrial Estate, Willowburn Avenue. Proposed roundabout on the U3129 Willowburn Avenue and road access to a proposed school**

We support the provision of the roundabout, however in relation to the access road position this follows option 2 (identified in the screening options report) and our preference would be for option 1 which would have less impact on the wooded area and watercourse and would ask for this option to be reconsidered. The proposed signage for the new road and roundabout seems excessive and we request that signage is in line with the minimum statutory requirements. There should be a planning condition preventing the placement of advertising signs on the roundabout. A 20mph speed restriction should be in place for the road access from the roundabout towards the school. We support the provision of a sustainable drainage system.

**13/01409/FUL Varanda 17-19B Clayport Street, Retrospective permission for porch (storage area)**

This plan seems similar to the previous application 13/01409/FUL although we do not have the benefit of photographs, this time. Based upon the evidence we have, we object to the application as the construction is not in keeping with the locality

**P52/13. Future Planning Training**

The clerk reported that the County Council was looking to organise planning training in the spring, this was welcomed by Councillors and it was hoped that this would be held in the evening

**P53/13 Any Other Urgent Business**

The clerk reported that a site meeting was to be held for the proposed Greensfield housing development and this was in early March and a representative from the Town Council could attend. If the Chairman or Vice Chairman could not attend, this would be circulated to committee members to find a volunteer.

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.