

Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee held on Thursday 11th June 2015 in St James Church Rooms, Pottergate, Alnwick at 6.00pm

Present: Cllrs R Roberts, P Edge, W Grisdale, M Harrington, P Holt, J Humphries, K Moore and A Symmonds.

In attendance: W Batey, Town Clerk.

P15/01 Apologies

Cllr D Farrar and P Broom.

P15/02 Declarations of Interest

None.

P15/03 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th May were not tabled and will be brought to the next meeting.

P15/04 Matters Arising

The following decision notices had been received:

15/01195/FUL, 173 Allerburn Lea, NE66 2QR. 2 storey rear extension over existing single storey sunroom complete with first floor balcony- **GRANTED.**

15/04083/FUL, 9 Percy Terrace NE66 1AF. Proposed Kitchen extension - **GRANTED.**

15/00835/COU, Inland Revenue Bondgate Hall NE66 1PX, Change of Use from commercial to residential - **GRANTED.**

15/01026/FUL, The Beeches, Alnmouth Road NE66 2QG Proposed 1st floor extension over existing garage - **GRANTED.**

15/01292/ADE, Majestic Wines South Road, NE66 2PA, Advertising consent for various signs- **GRANTED.**

15/01481/FUL, 55 Windsor Gardens, NE66 1LP. Proposed construction of a 2 storey side extension with single storey front and rear extensions- **GRANTED.**

15/01329/VARYCO, 10 The Maltings, NE66 1YA. Removal of Condition 3 (personal use for applicant of parking space)- **GRANTED.**

The following applications had been withdrawn:

15/01393/LBC, Freelands, Alnmouth Road, Addition of double wooden garage

15/00955/FUL, Land South East of Ravensmount Residential Home.

Construction of 2 storey 4 bedroomed residential property with front and side garden areas and a single garage.

Councillors discussed the application for 173 Allerburn Lea, this was the first application that the Town Council had objected to under the new consultation process and had been determined under delegated powers without going to Committee. Councillor Farrar had prepared a paper outlining a policy which would ensure that local county councillors are made aware of a town council objection to an application so that they could consider asking for it to be brought before committee. The paper covered a number of different situations which could arise depending on when the application was received. The key issue being to try to notify County Councillors within a minimum of 4 calendar days before the 21 day consultation window ends.

RESOLVED: to agree the proposed process for raising concerns about planning applications with County Councillors.

P15/05 To Minute responses made since last meeting

15/01481/FUL 55 Windsor Gardens Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1LP

Proposed construction of a two storey side extension with single storey front and rear extensions - **NO OBJECTIONS**

15/01486/FUL 21 Greensfield Avenue Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1BE

Proposed removal of rear conservatory and garage flat roof; construction of new single storey rear, front and side extensions - **NO OBJECTIONS**

15/01392/FUL Freelands, Alnmouth Road, NE66 2PR Addition of a Double Wooden Garage – **NO OBJECTIONS**

15/01372/VARYCO (proposed McDonald's site), Variation of Condition 7 (right turn lane on the A1 slip road to planning permission 14/02574/FUL) - **NO OBJECTIONS**

P15/06 Planning Applications

The following applications were discussed and comments made as listed:

15/01202/FUL Oakdale, Royal Oak Gardens, Alnwick. Erection of a summer house. - **NO OBJECTIONS**

15/00759/ADE Aldi, South Road, Advertising consent for 2 Aldi logo fascia signs, 1 illuminated poster sign and 1 double pole sign illuminated Aldi logo sign. - **NO OBJECTIONS**

15/01654/FUL 39 Meadow Riggs, Removal of flat roof utility and construction of a new side and rear extension. - **NO OBJECTIONS**

15/01433/COU and 15/01434/LBC 9 Paikes Street, Alnwick. Change of Use from retail to Class A5. - **NO OBJECTIONS**

15/01789/ADE Tustain Motors, Willowburn Avenue, NE66 2JH. Advertising consent for fascia signs and totem style signs. **NO OBJECTIONS provided councillors are satisfied with further information regarding the height of the totem style signs.**

P15/07 Accessibility Study proposal.

Councillor G Mavin had circulated a paper outlining proposals to undertake a mobility/accessibility survey/report in the town. He took councillors through the paper and illustrated the problems in the town with examples and hoped that agreement could be reached on a first stage survey which would be undertaken by interested individuals and a 'User Group'. He felt this would be useful for future LTP submissions and possible grant funded schemes. Councillors were supportive of the proposal, particularly as the first stage would be low or 'nil' cost. Councillor Mavin suggested that to progress the scheme he would issue a suitable press release and have discussions with relevant groups who could have an input into the production of a report.

RESOLVED: To agree to progress an Accessibility Study as outlined by Councillor Mavin.

P15/08 The Cobbles and the Surfacing

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting.

P15/09 Bus Service Review NCC report on recommendations following recent consultation

Councillors had been circulated with a NCC Policy Board report on the Review of the Supported Bus Services. This report set out the principles and sustainability criteria that would be used to determine future funding of the subsidised bus network, which had a planned budgeted reduction of £200,000. The next stage was to apply the agreed

approach to define where the efficiencies could be made and appropriate dialogues with communities.

RESOLVED: To note the current position.

P15/10 Traffic Safety on Wagonway Road

Councillor Holt brought Councillors attention to problems the drivers faced turning out onto Wagonway Road from the Station Yard Industrial Estate. This had been highlighted to her by a local resident and in particular related to poor visibility when exiting the junction for traffic coming from the right; this problem was in part caused by parked vehicles on Wagonway Road. The Clerk agreed to take this up with Northumberland County Council.

P15/11 Any Other Urgent Business

Councillor Roberts gave details of planning training that is being run by Northumberland County Council. 5 venues are being offered and an Alnwick event is being held on 14th July in St James Church rooms from 6pm – 9pm. The Clerk would circulate details to Committee members.

The meeting closed at 7.13 p.m.