



Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee held on Thursday 10th September 2015 in St James Church Rooms, Pottergate, Alnwick at 6.00pm

Present: Cllrs G Mavin (Chair), P Broom, D Farrar, M Harrington, P Holt, J Humphries, and K Moore.

In attendance: Cllr S Mavin, W Batey, Town Clerk; J Pibworth, Assistant to the Town Clerk.

P15/33 Apologies

Cllrs P Edge, W Grisdale, R Roberts, A Shilton and A Symmonds.

P15/34 Declarations of Interest

None.

P15/35 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th August 2015 were approved and they were duly signed by the Committee Chairman.

P15/36 Matters Arising

P15/15 (14/111) CAR PARKING NCC CONSULTATION The Town Clerk advised that there had been no update as yet.

P15/15 (15/10) TRAFFIC SAFETY ON WAGONWAY ROAD The Town Clerk advised that NCC Enforcement Officers will be looking at this. Councillor Moore felt it as much to do with poor sight line due to hedges.

Councillor Holt advised that she had been contacted by several people, including pedestrians, about the sight line. Councillor Moore wondered how people got to the estate. Councillor Harrington also said it was a speed issue and felt that if drivers took more care the issue would be lessened. He suggested the placement of a road sign saying Slow Down or Caution. Councillor Moore agreed.

Councillor Farrar wondered how the Town Council could approach the homeowner about the issue with the hedge. He also suggested contacting NCC about traffic calming.

P15/20 20MPH PROPOSAL FOR THE TOWN CENTRE The Town Clerk advised that Richard Mackenzie (NCC) had suggested putting this into the Town Council's LTP priorities. Councillor Farrar requested it be added as an agenda item at the next meeting.

P15/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS The Town Clerk advised that no further replies had been received about access audits.

P15/28 ACCESSIBILITY STUDY FEEDBACK REPORT The Town Clerk confirmed that a meeting would be arranged to discuss this as well as sustainable transport. He also confirmed that there was only premises with planning permission for their A board and that permission was no longer needed. He advise that there some useful design guides that could be used to inform businesses.

Councillor G Mavin advised that one of the County Councillors was drafting a guidance paper for NCC.

Councillor Harrington wondered how goods outside shops were covered, The Town Clerk advised that these were covered under the same guidance.

DROP KERBS Councillor G Mavin gave a summary of the drop kerb survey he had undertaken. He also advised that the drop kerb in Bondgate Within were in the NCC budget for 2015/16.

P15/30 CONSULTATION ON NCC PLANNING PROTOCOLS The Town Clerk confirmed that comments could be submitted to NCC, consolidation comments and more details about the consultation were now included on the NCC website. He also confirmed that the main change was that local council's would have 14 days to decide if they wished to be consulted on pre application discussions and possible s106 discussions. He advised that there was Planning Training on September 15th in Alnwick and that councillors would be given feedback at the next Planning Meeting.

The following decision notices had been received:

15/02251/LBC Hope House Farm Hope House Lane Alnwick Northumberland NE66 2AA. Proposed two storey rear extension, single storey porch extension to side, installation of roof lights, creation of new parking area, removal of existing car port to existing bothy and minor alterations, repair and refurbishment - **GRANTED.**

15/02255/LBC Hope House Farm Hope House Lane Alnwick Northumberland NE66 2AA. Listed building consent - **GRANTED.**

15/02381/FUL 45 Blakelaw Road Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1BA Proposed new rear extension_- August 10th 2015 - **GRANTED.**

14/04041/FUL Land East Of Allerburn Lea Allerburn Lea Alnwick Northumberland . Change of use agricultural field to a free rider bike track; works to surrounding footpaths and bridleways to improve access/safe use; signage and passing points on road to address safety issues; parking facilities to support the new recreational facility - **GRANTED.**

15/02317/LBC 3 Dukes Memorial Cottages Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1JR. Installation of new boiler vent/flue - **GRANTED.**

15/02090/FUL 4 Bondgate Without Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1PP. Proposed replacement roof to sunroom with new supporting stone corners and a first floor en-suite extension constructed partially over sunroom - **GRANTED.**

15/02679/FUL 5 Springfield Park Alnwick Northumberland NE66 2NH. Construction of single storey extension to the east of property with associated decking to rear - **GRANTED.**

P15/37 To Minute responses made since last meeting

15/02633/LBC 9 Lisburn Street, Alnwick NE66 1UR Listed building consent for replacement of three front windows. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

15/02679/FUL 5 Springfield Park, Alnwick NE66 2NH Construction of single storey extension to the east of the property with associated decking to rear. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

15/02538/FUL Adam Douglas & Son, Market Place, Alnwick NE66 1HP Essential works to chimney and gable walls, provision of new pitched roof over existing flat roof. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

15/02539/LBC Adam Douglas & Son, Market Place, Alnwick NE66 1HP Listed Building Consent: Essential. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

15/02268/OUT 8 Springfield Meadow, Alnwick NE66 2NY Outline construction of 1no. new detached dwellings with all matters reserved – **NO OBJECTIONS** however the Town Council highlight the possible need to improve the access to the estate and that the construction should not cause any disruption to the existing residents.

15/02579/OUT 8 Springfield Meadow, Alnwick NE66 2NY Outline Application: Proposed additional dwelling house on plot 8 - **NO OBJECTIONS** however the Town Council highlight the possible need to improve the access to the estate and that the construction should not cause any disruption to the existing residents.

P15/38 Planning Applications

The following applications were discussed and comments made as listed:

15/02090/FUL 4 Bondgate Without, Alnwick, NE66 1PP Proposed replacement roof to sunroom with new supporting stone corners and first floor en-suite extension constructed partially over sunroom – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

15/02806/ADE N E Co-Operative Victoria Terrace Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1RF Advertisement consent for 1no fascia sign, 1no hanging sign, 3no wall mounted signs and retention of 1no existing fascia sign - **NO OBJECTIONS.**

P15/39 LTP Priorities (Local Transport Plan Priorities)

The Town Clerk gave an update on the priorities put together at the LTP working group meeting. The meeting had decided to adopt the same structure as the previous year.

Three priorities had been agreed:

1. The poor condition of the Cobbles in the town centre, including access across them which is causing serious issues for pedestrians (especially wheelchairs users and people with disabilities) and cyclists.
2. Lack of safe pedestrian and cycle routes in Alnwick particularly in the light of the new High School location.
3. Lack of safe crossings in the following locations:
 - a) Wagonway Road, b) Clayport Bank; c) Alnmouth Road and d) South Road.

He also reminded councillors that the Town Council had been advised that drop kerbs did not need to put into the LTP priorities but that they had been added as a note to the end of the LTP document. He advised that the LTP priorities needed to be submitted to NCC by September 25th.

Councillor Moore asked if this meant that last year's LTP priorities had gone. The Town Clerk advised that this was not necessarily the case as feedback had been received from NCC on the Town Council's LTP priorities for last year's and some elements were being undertaken.

Councillor Humphries asked where the location of the crossing in Alnmouth Road would be. Councillor G Mavin advised that it would somewhere between The Oaks and Ravensmede.

Councillor Farrar he felt it was sensible to have a drop kerb where there was a crossing.

Councillor G Mavin explained that his maps that had been issued only showed missing drop kerbs and not existing ones as these were on another map.

Councillor Farrar felt that Priority 3 of the LTP could also benefit the tail back issues as well as pedestrians

Councillor Humphries asked if the drop kerbs suggested in Fenkle Street were where cars parked. Councillor G Mavin said they weren't.

RESOLVED: To recommend the LTP priorities to Full Council.

P15/40 Signage around the Town

The Town Clerk advised that he had received comments and images from Councillors G Mavin and Shilton. Some of the suggestions could be covered by adding the number of parking spaces to car park signs which might encourage people to try the car parks with larger number of spaces first. He also suggested that he and the Assistant to the Town Clerk looked around the town and added other locations and suggestions to the report before submitting to NCC.

Councillor Broom advised that there was room outside the Job Centre for a large sign.

Councillor Farrar asked if the report would come back to the Planning Committee before being submitted. The Town Clerk confirmed that a draft report could be brought to a future Planning Committee before submitting to NCC.

Councillor G Mavin suggested that any further comments should be sent to the Town Clerk by October 1st.

Councillor Humphries informed the committee that there is a sign near the road works at A1 / Willowburn for RDF Plumbing which he felt sure did not have permission.

Councillor Harrington advised that there were issues all across Northumberland with regard to signs and that the Town & Country Planning Act states that all signs must be taken down after an event with a 28 day maximum. He felt that clarification was needed from NCC about the current rules and offered to take this forward with them.

Councillor Moore advised that there was a scrap vehicle parked outside Hardy's.

RESOLVED: i) To send car park sign request to NCC; ii) To produce an updated report about signs in the town; iii) To ask NCC about the parked vehicle outside Hardy's.

P15/41 Any Other Urgent Business

None.

The meeting closed at 6.59 p.m.