



## **Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in St James Church Rooms, Pottergate, Alnwick at 6.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs M Swinbank (Chair), P Broom, P Edge, M Harrington, P Holt, J Humphries, G Mavin, S Mavin, K Moore.

**In attendance:** W Batey, Town Clerk; J Pibworth, Assistant to the Town Clerk; T Kirton, Project & Funding Officer and Councillor S Bell.

### **P16/33 Apologies**

Cllr. W Grisdale, A Shilton and A Symmonds.

### **P16/34 Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **P16/35 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th August 2016 were approved and they were duly signed by the Committee Chairman.

### **P16/36 16/01305/FUL Camphill Cottage, Alnwick NE66 2AB** Erection of single storey timber framed conservatory - **GRANTED.**

**16/01306/LBC Camphill Cottage, Alnwick NE66 2AB** Listed Building Consent: Erection of single storey timber framed conservatory - **GRANTED.**

**16/012165/FUL 20 Alwynside, Alnwick NE66 1DL** Construction of new single storey side extension – **GRANTED.**

**16/02245/FUL 17 Ravensmede, Alnwick NE66 2PX** Construction of side and rear single storey extension to form garage, utility, wc and kitchen (as amended) – **GRANTED.**

**16/01991/ADE Well Pharmacy, Alnwick Infirmary, South Road, Alnwick NE66 2NS** Advertisement Consent for 11 x fascia signs (as amended 28/7/16) – **GRANTED.** Councillor Swinbank advised that the planning application had been amended to conform with Town Council's comments about the colour of the signs.

### **P16/37 To minute responses made since last meeting**

None.

### **P16/38 Planning Applications**

The following applications were discussed and comments to be submitted were:

**16/02693/FUL Alnwick Chiropractic Centre, Wagonway Road, Alnwick NE6 1QQ** Demolition of existing chiropractic centre building and erection of 3no. apartments and all associated site works – **NO OBJECTIONS** but the Town Council would have expected to see a Design and Access Statement. They would like consideration given to the location of the refuse bins for emptying.

**16/02860/FUL 24 Swansfield Park Road, Alnwick NE66 1AT** Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension to form Garden Room and Home Office, and a single storey side extension to form Utility and Store Room - **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**16/02824/OUT Alnwick Golf Club, Swansfield Park Road, Alnwick NE66 2AB** - Alnwick Town Council cannot support this application at this stage as there are too many outstanding questions about the site including the relocation of the clubhouse. They are also concerned about the removal of so many mature trees and that the site is not entirely brownfield, as suggested.

**16/02910/TPO Alnwick Cricket Club, Weavers Way, Alnwick NE66 1BX**  
Trees subject to a protection order proposed felling of 4 Ash trees area (G1) – fell because of significant risk. **OBJECTION** - Alnwick Town Council object to the removal of the trees. There was no copy of the tree surgeon's report with the application and would suggest that NCC's Tree Officer inspects the trees and that works are carried out to retain them.

**16/02844/FUL Glendale House, Alnwick Moor, Alnwick NE66 2AN**  
Proposed removal of existing and construction of new dwelling - **NO OBJECTIONS** but the Town Council would like to as much of the original stonework reused as possible.

**16/02672/LBC Yule House, Back of 16 Narrowgate, Alnwick NE66 1JG**  
Listed Building Consent: for installation of secondary glazing to upstairs Windows to the 2 bedrooms- **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**1602671/FUL Yule House, Back of 16 Narrowgate, Alnwick NE66 1JG**  
Installation of secondary glazing to upstairs Windows to the 2 bedrooms - **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**16/02840/LBC Hope House Farm, Hope House Lane, Alnwick NE66 2AA**  
Listed Building Consent: Removal of (single) glazing to South elevation windows + replace with double glazing units in existing sashes – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**16/02964/FUL**43 Willoughby Park Alnwick NE66 1ET Proposed decking area at end of garden. (Retrospective) – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**16/00354/PREAPP** Councillors agreed to ask the school for more information on the proposed building before making comments to NCC.

### **P16/39 Parking on Hillcrest – View of the Town Council**

The Town Clerk advised Councillors that Councillor Castle had raised the issue of cars parking on the pavement and roadside. He had requested the Town Council's views on double yellow lines at the location.

Councillor Moore felt the issues were linked to overflow car park at The Oaks which caused the difficulty with parking.

Councillor Harrington felt it was a matter for the police or NCC Highways Department.

Councillor Swinbank felt the issue was compounded for pedestrians as there was only pavement on one side of the road and no drop kerbs on the stretch of the road.

Councillor Broom advised that the bungalow had new owners and he additional cars may be visitors.

Councillor Swinbank advised that this should not cause an issue as the bungalow has parking access around the corner.

Councillor Harrington felt that NCC Highways Department could be asked to monitor the situation.

#### **P16/40 Consultation of Enforcement of Unauthorised Obstructions**

Councillor G Mavin felt that the document from NCC was excellent but wondered who designated the roads e.g. secondary pedestrian routes. He commented that he would like this to be done with the Town Council.

Councillor Harrington thought that area around Narrowgate was a real issue for obstacles but felt that policing this would be a problem.

Councillor G Mavin advised that the guidance given in the document was very useful.

Councillor Edge felt that NCC could restrict the number of signs outside each business and keep them away from crossing points.

Councillor Swinbank felt that the recommended 1.5m clearance was a very useful starting point.

Councillor Holt felt that NCC should tread carefully as the businesses were trying to promote themselves.

Councillor Harrington advised that in some areas of the country no advertising was allowed at all.

Councillor G Mavin added that in some areas the advertising boards were attached to the buildings which caused less obstruction.

Councillor Swinbank asked councillors to send any comments to the Town Clerk which could be drafted for approval at the next Committee meeting.

#### **P16/41 Any Other Urgent Business**

Councillor Moore advised that some of the road markings around town needed tidying.

Councillor G Mavin advised that the No Parking markings had disappeared since the resurfacing works had taken place.

Councillor Broom reported a couple areas of concern in the town: the footpath down from the 24-hour garage and the overgrown shrubbery by The Oaks.

The meeting closed at 7.14 p.m.