

**Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee held on
8th June 2017 in St James Church Rooms, Pottergate, Alnwick at 6.00pm**

Present: Cllrs M Swinbank (Chair), P Broom, P Edge, M Harrington, A Symmonds, G Watson and C Westendarp.

In attendance: W Batey, Chief Officer & Town Clerk; J Pibworth, Assistant to the Town Clerk; T Kirton, Project & Funding Officer.

P17/01 Apologies

Cllr Humphries.

P17/02 Declarations of Interest

None.

P17/03 Matters Arising

P16/110 The Town Clerk advised that the car parking survey was still to be done and a report brought to the next meeting.

Planning Outcomes

16/04749/FELTPO 7 Ravenslaw Gardens, Alnwick NE66 2NF Works to trees protected by TPO: Fell 1no. Oak tree - **WITHDRAWN.**

17/00831/FUL 9 Coopers Close, Alnwick NE66 1BU Proposed first floor bedroom extension over garage and replacement conservatory with a sunroom extension and altered kitchen – **GRANTED.**

17/00449/LBC Alnwick Working Men's Club, 23 Clayport Street, Alnwick NE66 1LA Listed Building Consent to paint the rendered part of the club's front wall – **GRANTED.**

17/00992/VARYCO Keith Pattinson Limited, 19 Bondgate Without, Alnwick NE66 1PR Variation to condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning application 11/01164/FUL in order to include bay windows – **GRANTED.**

17/00879/COU 27 Bondgate Without, Alnwick NE66 1PR Change of use of existing office premises to self-contained holiday accommodation with associated minor internal works – **GRANTED.**

17/00368/ADE Keith Pattinson Limited, 19 Bondgate Without, Alnwick NE66 1PR Retrospective application for advertisement consent for 4no. wall mounted projecting signs – **REFUSED.**

17/01290/FUL 9 Thomas Percy Close, Alnwick NE66 1DB Proposed rear single storey sunroom extension and decking area – **GRANTED.**

17/00354/LBC 5 Percy Terrace, Alnwick NE66 1AF Listed Building Consent: Re-build two abutting chimney stacks as a single chimney using stone, to the same dimension and style and installation of wood burning stove to dining room in existing fireplace to include chimney flue lining (e.g. Thermocrete) – **GRANTED.**

17/00790/FUL Castle View Residential Home, Castle View, Howling Lane, Alnwick NE66 1LH Reorganisation of internal room to give 4no. additional single bedrooms and new porch, w.c.'s and lounge and new two storey bay window – **GRANTED.**

16/02112/S106A The Old Mill/Malthouse, Bolams Mill, Dispensary Street, Alnwick NE66 1LN Application for modification of section 106 agreement relating to

planning approval A/2006/0557 (Extensions and conversion and creation of 33 no. flats with office and retail accommodation with 33 no. associated car spaces (as amended by plans received 19/01/2007) – **GRANTED**.

P17/04 To minute responses made since last meeting

17/01290/FUL 9 Thomas Percy Close, Alnwick NE66 1DB Proposed rear single storey sunroom extension and decking area – **NO OBJECTIONS**

17/01155/LBC 72 Bondgate Within, Alnwick NE66 1JD Listed Building Consent for non-illuminated signage to replace existing shopfront, decoration to shopfront, new flooring internally and freestanding fixtures internally – **NO OBJECTIONS**

16/03642/Out Land at Willowburn Trading Estate, Willowburn Trading Estate, Alnwick – Alnwick Town Council maintain their OBJECTION to the proposed development and reiterate i their comments made on Fri 11 Nov 2016 under document Willowburn IE Item for Planning Committee November 10 2016 Final.pdf.

17/01629/FUL 2 York Road, Alnwick NE66 1RJ - NO OBJECTIONS but the application states that it is a single story extension, when clearly from the application plans it is double storey, with rather a complicated roofing layout proposed. Viewed from the highway, it would be an improvement on the existing profile. We would ask that the description should be amended.

17/01597/FUL 173 Allerburn Lea, Alnwick NE66 2QR - Alnwick Town Council **OBJECT** to this planning application as it seems to be for the works which have already been carried out in 2015. The Town Council stated their concerns about the original planning application which was subsequently refused permission - a decision which was supported when it want to appeal. Our objections remain the same that the proposed development is out of proportion and character with the neighbouring properties.

We are also been made aware that the title deeds for houses in Allerburn Lea have a Restrictive Covenant stating that "any addition or structural alteration to a dwelling house will not adversely affect the amenity of any adjoining property or detract from the good appearance of the estate".

The Town Council feel that this application is not in keeping with the surrounding houses and that permission should be refused. They are very concerned if planning permission is given after losing an appeal it would create a precedence for future planning applications.

P17/05 Willowburn Outline Planning Application decision

The Town Clerk reported that NCC's Planning Committee had met on June 6th to consider the planning application. The outcome was that the application had been deferred for a site visit on July 3rd. Councillor Mavin and Castle, who had stepped outside his NCC Committee place to be able to speak on the application, spoke against the application as did Philip Angier, Local Living and James McLean of James McLean's and Sons.

He advised that a Yes vote at the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum would give more weight To the Town Council's case.

Councillor Harrington felt that people should support the Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Watson asked what would happen if the outcome was a 'No' vote. The Town Clerk advised that there would need to be a re-think about the Neighbourhood Plan.

Councillor Broom asked how much the Neighbourhood Plan had cost. The Town Clerk advised that this could be worked out.

P17/06 Planning Applications

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

17/01769/FUL 46 Arkle Court, Alnwick NE66 1BS Proposed single storey rear and two storey front extension with single storey entrance – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

17/01844/LBC 9a Narrowgate and 26 Fenkle Street NE66 1JH Listed Building Consent: Repaint shop fronts at 9a Narrowgate and 26 Fenkle Street Alnwick and add lettering to describe new shop business - **NO OBJECTIONS.**

P17/07

Alnwick Bus Station recommendation from Transport Working Group

Councillor Swinbank reported that the Town Council had given NCC Local Transport Programme priorities which had so far resulted in dropped kerbs in Wagonway Road, a new light controlled crossing on South Road and a new crossing at The Oaks roundabout.

He reported that the group had looked at the Community Action Plans (CAPs) in the Neighbourhood Plan. They had started looking at the CAP relating to Alnwick Bus Station:

Lead organisation - Alnwick Town Council – signage and better interpretation at the bus station to and from the town.

Lead organisation – NCC – looking at the bus station from a strategic perspective e.g. relocation, redevelopment.

In the first instance, this would involve discussions with NCC and Morrisons (the owners).

Councillor Broom felt that the current building just needed to be refurbished by tidying the gutters; making the site no smoking and closing each end which he felt would help with anti-social behaviour. He also felt that the number of bays could be reduced enabling the Arriva offices to be moved into the main building to give a better view of the site.

Councillor Harrington asked if anything would actually happen.

Councillor Swinbank advised that Hexham and Morpeth had both had new bus stations but Berwick had got rid of their bus station altogether. As it was the first point for many people visiting Alnwick he felt that a baseline position was needed to see who was interested in any changes.

Councillor Broom asked if the Arriva office belonged to Morrisons. Councillor Swinbank advised that it did.

Councillor Harrington felt that something needed to happen as at present it was a dark and dingy part of the town.

Councillor Edge asked about CCTV at the bus station. The Town Clerk advised that Arriva have installed new cameras which will be linked to the Town Council's new CCTV system.

Councillor Edge reported that he had not seen any change in the amount of litter at the bus station. The Town Clerk advised that there was currently an early clean on Saturday.

Councillor Watson asked what the position of the other bus companies was. Councillor Swinbank advised that he was unsure. Councillor Broom thought that Arriva got payments from them.

RESOLVED: For the Project & Funding Officer to speak to NCC to ascertain if they will facilitate the process regarding the site e.g. relocation or redevelopment.

P17/08

Parking on Hillcrest

Councillor Swinbank advised that this issue had been brought to the Planning Committee earlier in the year. He reported that parents were still parking on the pavement side of the road on the pavement which makes the road a single carriageway. He asked if the County Councillors could take the issue up with NCC and that NCC were asked if yellow lines could be put in place

Councillor Watson felt that the police should be able to take action. Councillor Swinbank

advised that the police could be asked to look at the issue. He added that the issue was time limited to early mornings and afternoons.

Councillor Harrington felt that it was an issue all day as people are crossing the pavement which is an offence. The Town Clerk advised that he would take the matter up with NCC.

RESOLVED: To take the issue up with NCC.

P17/09 NCC - consultation – road resurfacing Allerburn Lea

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had received correspondence from NCC asking for their opinions regarding resurfacing in Allerburn Lea. The plan was to remove the speed humps between no's 2 and 69.

Councillor Broom felt that the speed humps were badly laid out and could be smoother similar to those in The Butts in Warkworth which also looked more attractive.

Councillor Symmonds declared an interest as he lives in Allerburn Lea, reported that some residents had had severe tyre damage and that they needed to be reviewed as they were dangerous due to people swerving to avoid them.

Councillor Swinbank asked if there had always been speed bumps. Councillor Symmonds advise that he was unsure how long the speed bumps had been in place.

Councillor Broom advised that they had been put in after the first part of the site had been finished and did help with slowing down drivers especially those coming out of cul-de-sacs.

Councillor Swinbank said that the residents had been asked for their views and that these should be used to decide how the road was resurfaced.

RESOLVED: To advise NCC that the Town Council are happy to let the residents decide about the speed bumps.

P17/10 Any Other Urgent Business

Councillor Swinbank reported that the signs for The Maltings development were still an issue in the town. The Assistant to the Town Clerk advised that she had contacted Graham Bucknall from NCC who had advised that he would not remove the signs as they had been put up by Arch. Councillor Swinbank felt that the County Councillors should be asked to take the matter up with NCC Officers on the Town Council's behalf.

Councillor Broom advised that more signs had been up around the town.

The meeting closed at 7.07 p.m.