

Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee held on October 12th, 2017 in St James Church Rooms, Pottergate, Alnwick at 6.00pm

Present: Cllrs M Swinbank (Chair), P Broom, P Edge, A Fletcher, J Humphries, A Symmonds, G Watson, L Wearn and C Westendarp.

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

P17/38 Apologies

Cllr Harrington.

P17/39 Declarations of Interest

None.

P17/40 Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

16/106 The Town Clerk reported that NCC have followed this up and asked Cussins to respond to the Town Council directly.

P17/34 Section 106 at Alnwick Golf Club. The Town Clerk to follow this up with NCC. Councillor Symmonds reported that he knew the Section 106 money from Amble developments was being used in Amble and wondered what the reason for the discrepancy between towns was.

Councillor Symmonds asked if the results of the housing needs survey would add any weight to the argument for any Section 106 money collected from Alnwick developments to be used in Alnwick.

17/02139/ADE 19 Market Street, Alnwick NE66 1SS Advertisement Consent: installation of 1non-illuminated fascia sign – **WITHDRAWN**.

17/02585/LBC 12 Bailiffgate, Alnwick NE66 1LU Listed Building Consent for the installation of a fan and ducting for kitchen extraction system and the removal of 1no. existing window – **GRANTED**.

17/01979/FUL Lidl Food Store, South Road, Alnwick NE66 2QL Retrospective Planning Application for the Installation of External Plant Units and Erection of Paladin Fence at the Existing Lidl Foodstore, South Road, Alnwick – **GRANTED**.

17/02422/LBC Alnwick The Dukes Middles School, The Dunterns, Alnwick NE66 1UN Listed Building Consent for retrospective installation of permasteel to all windows and doors (temporary) and 4 bastion cameras on stands – **GRANTED**.

17/02466/FUL 32 & 33 Chapel Lands, Alnwick NE66 1EN Construction of pitched roof over existing flat roofs – **GRANTED**.

17/02138/FUL 19 Market Street, Alnwick NE66 1SS installation of an automated teller machine (ATM) – **GRANTED**.

17/02863/FUL 1 Sea View Terrace, Alnwick NE66 1RW Proposed single storey side extension – **GRANTED**.

17/01838/FUL Alliance Pharmacies, 10 Paikes Street, Alnwick NE66 1HX Installation of 2no. new air conditioning units and enlargement of rooflight to flat roof area - **GRANTED**.

17/01839/LBC Alliance Pharmacies, 10 Paikes Street, Alnwick NE66 1HX Listed Building Consent for the installation of 2no. new air conditioning units and enlargement of rooflight to flat roof area - **GRANTED**.

P17/41 To minute responses made since last meeting

17/03270/FUL 14 Augur Terrace Alnwick NE66 1RR New side and rear extensions - **NO OBJECTIONS**

17/03247/FUL 78 Chapel Lands Alnwick NE66 1ER Construction of single storey rear extension - **NO OBJECTIONS**

17/03243/VARYCO The Maltings And Bolams Mill Dispensary Street Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1LN - **NO OBJECTIONS**

17/02424/FUL Alnwick Town Football Club, Land West of Greensfield, Weavers Way, Alnwick – Alnwick Town Council believe that the application would prove extremely beneficial to the community and to young people and we welcome the development. Alnwick Town Council have **NO OBJECTIONS** to this planning application but note the following areas:

TRANSPORT / PARKING / ACCESS

The Transport Statement and Plans do not take into account the current road layout and new bus stops and it is questionable whether there are any 'frequent' local bus services. We would ask NCC Officers to be satisfied that 80 car parking spaces are sufficient and feel the plan needs to address the issue of overspill parking without causing problems to residents, emergency vehicle access and damage to footpaths and road verges for times where special events take place.

We would like to ask the applicant to consider installing electric car charging points in the car parking areas.

As cycling is being encouraged we would like the applicant to provide adequate cycle racks and storage to allow safe locking of cycles.

FLOODLIGHTS

We would ask that NCC's Public Protection Officers are satisfied with the illumination levels.

LANDSCAPING

Some concerns about the apparent lack of soft landscaping planned for the site and would suggest that a condition be added to any permission requiring a soft landscaping scheme to be submitted.

The Alnwick & Denwick Neighbourhood Plan ENV9 states that 'All proposals for major development should incorporate Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), unless it is clearly demonstrated the SuDS are not appropriate. We would like NCC's Officers are satisfied that the proposed whole lifetime management and maintenance are satisfactory.

We would like the applicant to consider tree or hedge planting to screen the 4.5 m high perimeter fencing from the adjacent residential development and school. Such planting would help to attenuate noise, reduce the overall visual impact of the high fence / lighting columns and help reduce pollution levels on and around the site.

RENEWABLE TECHNOLOGIES

We feel that the use of renewable technologies in the development would be useful and would contribute to the sustainability of the proposal. At the consultation stage, the applicant agreed that renewable technologies would be installed for on-site energy usage but the application documents do not show whether renewable energy elements will be incorporated into the design (e.g. water heating).

P17/42 Planning Applications

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

17/03477/PRUTPO No objections but as there is no tree report with the application the Town Council request that NCC's Tree Officer is satisfied with proposed works.

17/03299/FUL 28a and 28B Bondgate Within, Alnwick NE66 1TD - OBJECT as the Town Council do not feel the use of uPVC in such a prominent position in the Conservation Area will be in keeping with the neighbouring properties.

17/03606/COU 1 Fenkle Street, Alnwick – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

17/03471/LBC 4 Chapel Lane, Alnwick – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

17/02027/SN New houses on site of St Johns Roman Catholic School in Lisburn Street. Councillors were asked to submit suggestions to the Town Clerk by Thursday October 19th. Comments would be collated and circulated to councillors prior to submission to NCC.

P17/43 Car Park survey update

The Town Clerk reported that meetings with the consultants had taken place. One with just the Town Council and the other with other stakeholders including the Civic Society and Chamber of Trade.

The main issues identified was the shortage of parking spaces during the summer.

The duration of parking allowed in car parks needed to be reviewed.

The consultants were tasked with coming up with ideas / suggestions for improvements by the end of November.

Councillor Humphries asked what experience the consultants had. The Town Clerk advised this was not known as they were not appointed by the Town Council.

Councillor Westendarp reported that they had only done public car parks and not resident parking areas.

Councillor Watson asked if there had been any discussion around removing yellow lines in the town. The Town Clerk advised that suggestions had been given to the consultants.

Councillor Swinbank reported that the consultants will report once all the feedback was received.

Councillor Broom reported that Seahouses had charges for their car parks.

Councillor Wearn reported that she had encountered difficulty parking at different times of the day.

Councillor Humphries felt that spaces could be better marked out to enable more cars to park especially on the Cobbles.

Councillor Watson felt that copper buttons could be used to make out parking spaces.

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had received a letter from NCC advising that, following a request from residents of Monkhouse Terrace, a consultation regarding a resident parking scheme would be undertaken.

RESOLVED: To receive the update.

P17/44 Unauthorised Obstructions – letter from NCC

The Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had received a letter from NCC asking for feedback on the Unauthorised Obstructions Guidance document distributed in 2016. They also notified the Town Council of their intention for their Highways Inspectors to visit towns and advise businesses of their responsibilities with regard to A boards and other pavement obstructions. They will also be writing to the Chambers of Trade to ask them to notify their members of the guidance and the visits.

Councillor Swinbank advised that enforcement of the policies was being implemented.

P17/45 Electric Charging Infrastructure – Discussion Document

Councillor Swinbank had circulated a discussion document regarding the electric charging infrastructure in Alnwick. He felt that with the increase in the number of electric cars NCC needed to review their policy in car charging.

He felt that developers should be encouraged to install the infrastructure as part of new developments but not necessarily have charge points installed.

Councillor Edge asked if grants were available to businesses to install slow chargers.

Councillor Broom asked if they could be attached to lighting columns

Councillor Swinbank advised that a Government report sets out their strategy and that £80m has been allocated to develop / install chargers with the aim of having chargers every 20 miles across 90% of the UK road network.

Councillor Symmonds supported the document and felt that the best technology needed to be used.

RESOLVED: To forward the document to NCC and ask that they add to the agenda of the Local Area Council meeting.

P17/46 Any Other Urgent Business

Councillor Broom asked for to items to be added to the next agenda and said he would let the Assistant to the Town Clerk know.

The meeting closed at 7.08 p.m.