

Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee held on Thursday 10th April 2014 in the Council Chamber, Alnwick at 6.00pm

Present: Cllrs R Roberts (Chairman), P Allcroft, D Farrar, B Grisdale, M Harrington, P Holt, J Humphries, G Mavin, K Moore, A Shilton and A Symmonds

In attendance: W Batey, Town Clerk, J Pibworth, Administration Assistant

P62/13 Apologies

Peter Broom

P63/13 Declarations of Interest

None

P64/13 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th March 2014 were approved and they were duly signed by the Committee Chairman.

P65/13 Matters Arising

The Chair gave an update on the outcomes of previous planning applications:

14/00381/FUL Land East of Belvedere Terrace, Erection of painted estate fence and matching gates - **GRANTED**

14/00387/FUL (Resubmission of 13/03015/FUL) Land East of Belvedere Terrace, Erection of timber clad garden shed and erection of steel painted 'estate' fence and matching gates - **REFUSED**

13/02550/FUL Former Willis of Alnwick Ltd, South Road, Proposed erection of 2no. retail units (use class A1) and associated car parking, servicing, hard and soft landscaping and access arrangements - **GRANTED**

14/00294/COU 10/11/12 Hotspur Court, Lionheart Enterprise Park, Change of use of existing use class B1, B2 and B8 (business and general industrial and storage or distribution) to a builders merchant trade/retail unit and warehouse with ancillary office and erection of security fencing to create an external yard - **GRANTED**

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14/00655/COU 43 Bondgate Within, Change of Use of Ground floor from A1(retail) to class A2 (financial and professional services) - A letter has been received from Northumberland County Council requesting Alnwick Town Council review their decision. The letter notifies the Town Council that the application is in line with current planning policy and the local plan saved policy put in place by Alnwick District Council. As no other objections had been received it would be sent to the North Area planning meeting unless the Council wished to reconsider its objection. The Committee discussed this planning application further and agreed to revise the comments.

RESOLVED: To notify NCC of the revised Town Council comment regarding this application: "Following information from the Planning Officer and in particular details of the local plan saved policy POLICY CD3, Alnwick Town Council has now agreed to withdraw its objection to the Change of Use".

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Collectables- signs taken down from windows
Lindisfarne Road congestion - Email sent to NCC
Parking at the top of The Peth - Email sent to NCC which they have passed onto Project Planning Team. One of the Traffic Engineers will respond to us

P66/13 To Minute responses made since last meeting

14/03644/FUL, 1 Belle Vue Gardens, Alnwick, Erection of Shed. This retrospective proposal is not compliant with the planning permission (98/A/127 dated 26/8/13) and there are concerns that the obstructiveness of the roofline of the shed - The Town Council objects to the application

P67/13 Planning Training

The Town Clerk advised the dates for the Planning Training being held by Northumberland County Council in April and May. 12 places have been booked and councillors wishing to attend should notify the Town Clerk.

P68/13 Speaking at NCC Planning Meetings

The Town Clerk had issued a draft document 'Alnwick Town Council Public Speaking Protocol for NCC planning Committees'. He briefed councillors on its content. The timings of the North Area Planning meetings means that the timescales for responses from the Town Council falls outside the Planning Meeting cycle so this needs to be thought through. Some councillors felt that Northumberland Hall was unsuitable for NCC Planning meetings due to outside noise and poor acoustics.

RESOLVED: To accept the document and give the Town Clerk their feedback after the Planning Training

P69/13 Review of Free Parking

The Town Clerk had issued a document from Northumberland County Council 'Free Parking in Northumberland Update'. So far 18,150 discs have been issued in Alnwick and 105,570 across Northumberland.

Councillor Mavin felt there was still the issue of parking in the Market Place still needed to be addressed and Councillor Moore felt the 'Have you Paid and Displayed Signs' were misleading. There would be an update at the Full Council meeting. The Chair asked for a review of parking to be considered at the next meeting.

P70/13 Section 106 Applications

Councillor Farrar explained that, as part of their planning approval, developers are required to agree to provide other facilities as part of their development such as roads. He felt that to ensure that these meet local needs the Town Council should be able to sit on the meetings with developers to discuss these

other facilities / developments, if possible. it was agreed that the Town Clerk should investigate Section 106 agreements further.

P71/13 Planning Applications

The following applications were discussed and comments were made as listed:

14/00979/FUL, 101 Chapel Lands, Construction of new first floor extension above existing garage, replace existing conservatory to rear with single-storey extension and new pitched roof to front porch - **NO OBJECTIONS**

14/01098/ADE, Yorkshire Building Society, Advertisement Consent for 1no externally illuminated fascia and 1no double sided non-illuminated projecting sign - **NO OBJECTIONS**

P72/13 Any Other Urgent Business

None

The meeting closed at 6.57 p.m.