

Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee held on Thursday 14th July 2016 in St James Church Rooms, Pottergate, Alnwick at 6.00pm

Present: Cllrs M Swinbank (Chair), P Broom, P Edge, W Grisdale, M Harrington, P Holt, G Mavin, S Mavin, K Moore, A Shilton and A Symmonds.

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

P16/10 Apologies

Cllr. J Humphries.

P16/11 Declarations of Interest

None.

P16/12 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th June 2016 were approved and they were duly signed by the Committee Chairman.

P16/13 Matters Arising

None.

The following decision notices had been received:

16/01014/COU Fenkle Crafts, 16/18 Fenkle Street, Alnwick NE66 1HR Change of use from A1 to mixed use A2 and D2 – to create a yoga centre and provide physiotherapy treatment rooms – **GRANTED**.

16/01334/ADE Land South East of War Memorial, Bondgate Without Alnwick Advertisement consent for one 7m high flagpole – **WITHDRAWN**.

Councillor Symmonds thought the decision by the Planning Officer was appalling.

Councillor Holt agreed with Cllr Symmonds.

Councillor Broom felt that the Town Council should have stood their ground and tried to obtain approval.

The Town Clerk advised that the flag pole would be discussed again at the July Recreation & Amenities meeting.

16/01654/FUL 58 Swansfield Park Road, Alnwick NE66 1AR. Proposal for removal of existing side garage and construction of new side extension – **GRANTED**.

16/01742/LBC Lloyds Bank Chambers, 24 Bondgate Within, Alnwick NE66 1TD. Listed Building Consent: Erection of wall mounted single sided fibreglass sign - **GRANTED**.

16/01601/FUL 23 Oaky Balks. Proposal to remove existing garage and construction of new side and rear extension – **GRANTED**.

16/01902/FUL 35 Springfield Park, Alnwick NE66 2NH. Proposed garage extension – **GRANTED**.

16/01629/LBC Flat 18, Narrowgate, Alnwick NE66 1JG. Proposed loft conversion and replacement timber sash windows to front elevation – **REFUSED**.

15/02842/SN Land East of Greensfield, Alnwick. Proposed 236 new build dwellings and 76 non-exempt ancillary buildings – **NOTIFICATION OF STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING ACCEPTANCE.** The estate will be called SWORDY PARK and the roads named after medieval guilds.

P16/14 To minute responses made since last meeting

16/01728/COU 36 Narrowgate - **NO OBJECTIONS** but the Town Council would like to note that the proposed alterations submitted in the planning application have already been completed and that the business has started trading.

16/01945/FUL 9 St Georges Crescent – **NO OBJECTIONS** but the Town Council are concerned that this is a retrospective application.

1601872/FELTPO Thornbrae, Alnmouth Road - the Town Council would like to be assured that NCC's Tree Officer has been consulted and is happy with the suggested work to each of the trees.

16/01876/LBC 7 Howick Street - **NO OBJECTIONS.**

P16/15 Planning Applications

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

16/01991/ADE Well Pharmacy Alnwick Infirmary South Road Alnwick Northumberland. NE66 2NS Advertisement Consent for 11 x fascia signs.

OBJECT to the proposed sign on South Road as the colour and style of this sign should be the same as the existing signs at the same location and that the sign should only say Pharmacy.

16/01958/FUL Alnbank House Care Home Alnmouth Road Alnwick Northumberland NE66 2PR. Proposed extension to dwelling; alterations to outbuildings; erection of garage block and reinstatement of greenhouse. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

16/02071/LBC Linhope House South Street Alnwick NE66 1AH. Listed Building Consent: Revision to side glazing to approved Family Room extension and renewal of sash & case window in gable. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

16/00277/PREAPP Northumberland County Council, Alnwick Library, Green Batt, Alnwick NE66 1TU. Conversion of Alnwick library into 4no. residential units with associated rear access and parking. **NO OBJECTIONS** but would like to see the facade of the building retained.

16/02165/FUL 20 Alwynside, Alnwick NE66 1DL. Construction of new single storey side extension. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

16/02112/S106A The Old Mill, Dispensary Street, Alnwick, NE66 1LN. Discharge of Section 106 obligation. **NO OBJECTIONS** but the Town Council are disappointed that the developers are not fulfilling the original agreement for affordable housing.

16/01903/LBC Courtyard Gardens, 10 Prudhoe Street, Alnwick. Removal of existing render. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

16/02211/FUL Alnwick RC St Johns Aided, Lisburn Street, Alnwick NE66 1UR. Erection of 24 no. residential dwellings (Use Class C3) and associated access to Lisburn Terrace and The Limes, landscaping and engineering works. **NO**

OBJECTIONS but the Town Council would like to see a pedestrian access to the south of the development site.

P16/16 Town Council Planning Protocols

Councillor Swinbank explained that he had requested that the Planning Protocols being used by the Town Council were documented. He added that in this way councillors, including those joining the committee, would understand the process for submitting planning comments to NCC.

The Assistant to the Town Clerk had circulated the document and councillors were asked for their comments. Councillors felt that the document reflected the current processes. A couple of slight amendments were requested

RESOLVED: To adopt the amended Planning Protocol.

P16/17 Core Strategy Consultation

The Project & Funding Officer gave a summary of NCC's Core Strategy consultation document with reference to the reclassification of the Willowburn Industrial estate for housing. He explained that page 40 of the document indicated a growth of 10 hectares of employment land.

Councillor Swinbank asked if the 10 hectares were in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Project & Funding Officer advised that they were.

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council needed to talk to NCC about the remaining businesses on Willowburn. He added that none of the NCC surveys mentioned deallocating the Willowburn estate.

Councillor Harrington felt that the land should be retained and reinstated as business for industrial use.

Councillor Swinbank advised councillors to go the consultation meeting on June 18th and give feedback to the Project & Funding Officer.

Councillor G Mavin asked if councillors who were attending could take questions from councillors who could not attend.

Councillor Symmonds felt that the reason for reclassification of the estate was an easy get-out and felt that the owners should have maintained the site better.

RESOLVED: i) To attend the consultation meeting and email feedback to the Project & Funding Officer; ii) To give feedback to NCC by July 27th.

P16/18 North Area Review of supported bus services - NCC

Councillor Swinbank commented on the proposed changes to Alnwick services. He felt the changes to the X15 and X18 services to accommodate drop offs on Wagonway Road to serve the new high school were positive.

RESOLVED: To accept the update.

P16/19 Local Transport Plan Programme 2017-18 (LTP)

The Town Clerk advised that in previous years a Working Group had been set up to discuss and draft LTPs priorities and feedback to the Planning Committee. He added that as the date for submission to NCC was the end of August so this would need to be agreed by Full Council in August.

Councillor Cairns advised that she would try and get feedback on the previous LTPs submitted by the Town Council.

The Town Clerk advised that he would send the invitation to the LTP working group to all councillors.

RESOLVED: To organise an LTP Working Group and recommend priorities to the Full Council meeting in August.

P16/20 Parking markings in Alnwick Market Place and on cobbles

The Town Clerk advised that NCC had made a request to mark 'Loading only' on two bays in the Market Place.

He also advised that NCC had asked the Town Council's opinion on the removal of the double yellow lines on the part of Bondgate Within from Julie's Flowers to the Salvation Army charity shop. NCC were proposing to undertake consultation.

Councillor Swinbank commented that he was supportive of the request.

RESOLVED: To notify NCC that the Town Council support the loading bay markings in the Market Place and the proposed consultation on the removal of the double yellow lines to the section of Bondgate Within

P16/21 Any Other Urgent Business

Councillor Moore advised that he had received a complaint with supporting images about the rear of the houses in Lisburn Street. He requested that site meeting be set up with the landlord and NCC Environmental Officers.

Councillor S Mavin requested a sign to warn of children playing in Royal Oak Gardens. The Assistant to the Town Clerk advised that she had spoken to NCC who had advised that their policy was to put up signs close to schools of play areas. She added that any suggested signs could not be put on the highway and could only be located on private land. Councillor Cairns felt that the sign was very important and that a way forward needed to be found.

The meeting closed at 7.13 p.m.