

**Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee held on  
February 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 via Zoom at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Swinbank, Broom, Edge, Harrington, Humphries, Wearn, Watson and Wood-Mitchell.

**In attendance:** P Hatley, Chief Officer & Town Clerk; J Pibworth, Assistant to the Town Clerk.

**P20/75 Apologies**

Councillor Lyford.

**P20/76 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors Swinbank declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 21/00193/FUL 50 Swansfield Park Road.

**P20/77 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting January 21<sup>st</sup> 2021**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on January 21<sup>st</sup> were approved as true record.

**RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the last meeting on  
January 21<sup>st</sup> 2021**

**P20/78 Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting**

P20/67 - Windy Edge – Councillor Wearn reported that she and the Town Clerk had met with NCC's Enforcement Officer (via Zoom) who had sent an email of the issues she was taking action on and advising that there were a few issues that she was unable to action. She reported that equipment had been put in place to brush the roads. The Enforcement Officer is awaiting replies from other NCC departments. Councillor Wearn reported that some hoggin has been laid and that construction of the new footpath has started.

The Town Clerk felt that internal matters could be passed to other internal departments at NCC could be better.

Councillor Swinbank explained that a wheel wash system was a condition of the planning approval. Councillor Wearn advised that it was but she not aware that there was one of site.

Councillor Swinbank asked if the new footpath would have a proper hard surface. Councillor Wearn advised that the strip of land between Oaklands and the new housing now had a wooden strip put that she was unsure of the proposed finish.

Councillor Wearn reported that the proposed site for the new allotments was still in place.

Street Naming - The Assistant to the Town Clerk reported that the current process is that the developer suggested names for new street names which should have historical links to the development site which NCC then send out to statutory consultees. Response to the street naming consultation letter is the same as a TREECA in that is NCC do not hear back from consultees within a given period of time the street names will be accepted.

She explained that a plan of the proposed street names is sent out with the street naming consultation letter but only has to show the properties which will be in each named street. It does not have to show the exact road which will be included in the street name so it not obvious from the plan which was sent out that the houses at the top of Alnmouth Road would be in Somerset Avenue.

She also confirmed that Peter's Mill Lane was not a postal address and was not recognised by the Post Office, Land Registry or NCC Electoral Roll.

Councillor Swinbank asked if the Town Council had any powers over the proposed street names. The Assistant to the Town Clerk advised that NCC will always ask for alternatives which should have a more historical link to the development site as in the case of the Taylor Wimpey site which had originally proposed street names with links to Harry Potter.

Councillor Swinbank asked where the street names on the Windy Edge development came from. The Assistant to the Town Clerk advised that the street names all have links to the family of the landowner, the Duke of Northumberland.

Councillor Harrington reported that the yellow development signs say Peter's Mill Lane.

The Assistant to the Town Clerk advised that she thought the signs said Peter's Mill. Councillor Harrington advised that the signs say both and felt that this was a more

Councillor Wearn reported that she hadn't seen any signs with Peter's Mill Lane on them. She also thought she had an old map with Peter's Mill Lane marked on it.

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council have no powers to change street names but only to influence.

Councillor Watson felt that the Town Council should have a list of proposed street names which could be suggested to developers. Councillor Broom advised that a list of street names had been prepared some time ago. The Assistant to the Town Clerk advised that she had a list which she and former Councillor Farrar had prepared.

Councillor Swinbank asked officers to circulate street naming lists they had to councillors.

P20/70 Neighbourhood Plan Review - Councillor Swinbank advised that this had been taken to Full Council and that a review had been approved.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the approval at Full Council was that the review should start and not that it would be a full re-write.

P20/71 Speed Cameras - Councillor Swinbank advised this matter would be taken to March's Alnwick Forum meeting in the first instance. Councillor Harrington reported that the police had more of a presence at that part of town in the past few weeks which was refreshing to see.

P20/73 Safety Issues at Cemetery Entrance - The Assistant to the Town Clerk advised that NCC had not come back to her and that she had chased them again.

P20/74 Footpaths - Councillor Swinbank felt this could be taken to the Sustainable Travel Advisory Group for further discussion.

Planning Outcomes Notified:

**20/03594/PRUTPO 5 Belvedere Terrace Alnwick NE66 2NX** Tree Preservation Order Application - Crown lift (T1) Beech to 5m above ground level because of excessive shading in front garden, encroaching onto bus stop and main road (b4346). Also encroaching over neighbouring property. - **PERMITTED.**

**20/02743/LBC Walton 2 Grosvenor Terrace Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1LG** Listed building consent to refurbish dwelling including works to internal doors and walls, ensuite bathroom, kitchen, bathroom, outside WC, wiring, heating and levelling outside yard - **GRANTED.**

**20/02673/FUL Land East Of Camphill Cottage Alnwick Northumberland** Erection of kiosk and associated works - **GRANTED.**

**P20/79 To minute responses made since last meeting**

**20/04443/VARYCO 39-41 Fenkle Street Alnwick NE66 1HW**

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to approved planning application 19/02383/LBC to allow for revised roof profile and materials – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**20/04424/VARYCO 39-41 Fenkle Street Alnwick NE66 1HW**

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to approved planning application 19/02382/FUL to allow for revised roof profile and materials - **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**P20/80 Planning Applications**

**21/00167/VARYCO The Treehouse The Alnwick Garden Denwick Lane Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1YU** Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning application 18/00079/FUL to allow material changes to the design – whilst the Town Council remain supportive of this development they feel this VARYCO has such significant changes from the approved application they would need to see more information to be able to make detailed comments. They particularly request details of the materials and size of the each of the proposed buildings. They also request that the application goes to NCC's Strategic Planning Committee.

**21/00075/VARYCO Land North Of The Treehouse The Alnwick Garden Denwick Lane** Variation of condition 9 (parking management plan & ticketing machine info) and 10 (highways works) pursuant to planning permission 18/00079/FUL in order to amended the wording of conditions 9 and 10 from pre commencement to prior occupation – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**20/04057/FUL Land At Entrance To Dene Court Willowburn Trading Estate Alnwick Northumberland** Proposed new plant room to serve adjacent café and car wash - **NO OBJECTIONS** but the Town Council are unclear on the name Dene Court. The application gives the site name as Northumberland County Council Depot and the Town Council are not aware of an application to change the name to Dene Court.

**20/02452/CCD Former Alnwick Lindisfarne Middle School Lindisfarne Road Alnwick Northumberland** Refurbish annexe building. Strip up to 4no. roof elevations and replace with slate, salvage tiles to restore remainder of roof elevations. Replace all timber windows with UPVC double glazed units. Install solar panels to 2no. roof elevations. Front extension to café area. Install ground source heat pump (as amended 15.01.21) - **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**21/00197/FUL 41 St Georges Crescent Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1AY** Two storey rear extension and single storey front extension - **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**21/00193/FUL 50 Swansfield Park Road Alnwick Northumberland NE66 1AR** Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey kitchen extension with raised external terrace to rear and widening of existing front porch - **NO OBJECTIONS.**

**P20/81 Planning Appeals**

**20/02355/LBC 1 Prudhoe Street, Alnwick NE66 1UW** Listed Building Consent for replacement of ground floor window with timber glazed 6 over 6 door in west elevation – **NO FURTHER COMMENTS.**

**19/02291/FUL 1 Thornbrae, Alnmouth Road, NE66 2PS** Retention of 4no. open garden gazebos (retrospective) – **NO FURTHER COMMENTS.**

Councillor Edge left the meeting.

**P20/82 Alnwick Greenway**

The Town Clerk reported that he had produced a project proposal document prior to a meeting with Northumberland Estates who will discuss the document with their directors. He advised the next step is approach Alnwick Freemen who own some of the proposed Greenway land.

Councillor Harrington thanked everyone for their work on this matter and felt it was a very useful project.

Councillor Broom thought the project had excellent potential and he had walked the route.

The Town Clerk advised that permissions were essential before any work commenced.

**P20/83 Any Other Urgent Business**

None.

The meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.