

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13th April 2010
at 6.30pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

PRESENT:

Councillors: P Herdman (Chairman)
A Bowlas
V Pauline
C Routledge

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sue Finch, Town Clerk
4 members of public

PO62/09 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors
G Hill, F Simpson and J Waterhouse

PO63/09 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16th March 2010 were agreed and
signed as a correct record.

The Clerk confirmed that no information had been received regarding the
illuminated signs at ASDA (10/B/0014); nor had any design information been
received about the proposed sign at the bottom of Billendean Terrace (10/B/0009)

PO64/09 3. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr Thomas, representing St Boisils Residents Association, referred to application
10/B/0113, relating to 34 Dock Road, Tweedmouth. The view of residents was
that it would be preferable if the applicant were to acquire more than the area
proposed in the application, that some form of covenant restricting the use of the
ground to a garden only would help to ensure its tidying and retention for amenity
use only; and that in view of the difficulties over parking in this location, it might
also be suggested that two parking spaces be created as part of the application.

Mr Kanefsky referred to the failure of the County Council to inform the Town Council, as well as other consultees, about the appeals process for the proposed development on land south of Mount Road (APP/P2935/A/10/2121049/NWF). The Clerk advised this issue would be raised briefly under Item 6, and if members wished this matter to be brought to the attention of the County Council this could be recommended under that Item.

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4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

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5. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

10/B/0063

45-47 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed. TD15 1AX

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10/B/0090

44 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

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10/B/0093

Shielfield Park, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 2EF

Variation to condition 3 & 4 on previous application 95/B/0556/P

Members expressed concern about this application, as the proposed times were on weekdays, and later than the existing specified times at weekends. They were not aware that any consultation had been undertaken among local residents. The Committee objected to the proposal, and asked that before it was determined there should be consultation with all residents who might be affected by the plans.

10/B/0094

8 Billendean Terrace, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed. TD15 2DJ

Proposed alterations & extension to provide ground floor bedroom & shower room also provide improved kitchen and utility to existing

No objection

10/B/0095

Unit 3, 11-13 Main Street, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 2AA

Non-material amendment to previous application 05/B/0793 (Conversion to create 19 no. flats)

No objection

10/B/0096

24 Billendean Terrace, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed. TD15 2AX

Proposed alteration & extension to provide additional bedroom and dining with new bathroom to replace existing

No objection

10/B/0098

55 Hide Hill, Berwick-upon-Tweed. TD15 1EQ

Redevelopment of site to include 20 no. apartments, restaurant and car parking (revised to 19 apartments by drawings received on 18th December 2007 application reference 07/B/0749)

Members agreed they had no objection in principle to the renewing of the application, but asked whether it might be made a condition of the renewal that the applicants undertake to improve the appearance of the development site, which was in a prominent position in the town centre and the condition of the site detracted from the overall appearance of this area.

10/B/0113

34 Dock Road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed. TD15 2BE

Change of use from waste ground to garden within curtilage of existing property and demolition of rear extension and erection of new extension and improvement scheme

The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow clarification of additional issues by a member of the public. Standing orders were then reinstated. Members agreed that the views of residents should be taken into account, and that the Committee had no objection to the proposal if this would facilitate improving the appearance of the waste ground, which it was understood was currently in the ownership of the County Council, having transferred from the former Borough Council. They also asked that the County Council consider incorporating an agreement into any permission which would ensure the site was retained as a garden or amenity ground; and that consideration be given to negotiating provision of two parking spaces.

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6. NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

The Clerk reported that following the raising of the issue of failure to notify the Town Council of an appeal, she had tried to obtain information from the County Council on the agreed arrangements for ensuring the Town Council was kept fully informed. She had not yet received a response. Members agreed that a representative of the Development Management staff should be invited to attend a future meeting to clarify the procedures.

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7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday, 18th May 2010 in the Town Hall, Marygate; plans would be available for inspection from 6.00 pm.