

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2009 at 6.30 pm at The William Elder Building, Castlegate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: D Stewart (Chairman)
P Herdman
G Hill
V Pauline
C Routledge

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Finch, Clerk

One member of the public.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received on behalf of Councillors McNeely and Simpson.

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2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2009 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

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3. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

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4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

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5. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

08/B/0842

Erection of 1 no dwelling. Full planning application (amended plans).

7 Etal Road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2EG

Members did not feel the amended plans changed their previous view that this

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proposal represented overdevelopment of the site.

09/B/0047

Alteration and conversion of existing garage. Full planning application.

28 West End, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2HE

No objection.

09/B/0060

Erection of detached garage. Full planning application.

22 Sunnyside Crescent, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2DL.

No objection.

09/B/0072

Felling of 3 no trees. Trees in conservation areas.

65b Ravensdowne, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1DQ

No objection.

08/B/0900

Installation of 1 no fascia sign and 1 no projecting sign. Advertisement consent application.

Poundstretcher Store, 119-125 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1BH

No objection to the fascia sign, which it was felt should be sufficient; members were, however, concerned that the projecting sign would not be sympathetic to the area.

09/B/0038 and 09/B/39

Erection of garden wall following demolition of existing wall. Full planning application and Conservation Area Consent.

Ashton, Bell Tower Park, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1ND

No objection provided there is no detrimental impact on the neighbouring property through, for example, loss of light.

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09/B/0059

Installation of WC facility for disabled people. Listed building consent application.

41 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1AX

No objection.

09/B/0061

Extension to rear of property. Full planning application and and insertion of 2 no rooflights. Full planning application.

151 Main Street, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1RP

No objection.

09/B/076

Addition of 6 no CCTV cameras to existing CCTV system. Listed building consent application.

Berwick Railway Station, Railway Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1NF

No objection.

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6. DELEGATED PLANNING APPLICATION DECISION LIST

Delegated planning application decisions were noted.

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7. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT CHARTER

Members noted the Charter which had been circulated, setting out how planning applications and associated matters were expected to be dealt with after the dissolution of the district and borough councils on 31 March.

The Clerk advised that it was understood this was for information rather than comment, but members agreed they had concerns about the risk of loss of local knowledge in the consideration of applications.

The Clerk also advised members of a Planning Forum for Town and Parish Councils being held on 25 February; she would be attending on behalf of Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council, but had asked to be advised if additional

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representatives could attend.

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8. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT – SATELLITE DISHES

Members considered the complaint about satellite dishes which had been forwarded to the Town Council by Mrs Shaw, representing Berwick-upon-Tweed Civic Society.

It was agreed it would be inappropriate to comment without having details of the regulations applying to the erection of satellite dishes in conservation areas, and on listed buildings; and whether or not the properties referred to by Mrs Shaw had complied with these regulations.

This information would be provided to the next meeting.

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9. PROTOCOL FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that the committee should consider a protocol for the consideration of planning applications, to ensure maximum participation of the community and its ward representatives in the consideration of planning issues.

The Chairman, in collaboration with the Deputy Chairman and Clerk, would provide a first draft for consideration at the next meeting.

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10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on 17 March 2009 at 6.30 pm in The William Elder Building, with plans available for consideration from 6 pm.

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