

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 July 2016 at 6.30pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Roughead (Chair)
I Dixon (From Item 5 onwards)
A Forbes
G Hill
C Seymour

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
2 members of the public

OPEN SESSION

Concerns were raised over problems with parking in Spittal as the beech and promenade had been very busy that day.

The litter collections that take place in Spittal were mentioned as was the shelter on the promenade which, it was felt, could do with re-painting in areas and this was being investigated. It was also noted that the sale of the Sandstell Road car park had the condition STPP and the Assistant to the Clerk was asked to find out what this meant.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been accepted from: Councillors E Goodyer (work commitment) and G Smith (personal).

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2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 17 May 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

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3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

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There were no requests for dispensation.

P015/16 5. LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A report has been produced on the visions and objectives established by the Working Group and this will be presented to full Council. A lady called Jen Manuel has offered to support all Working groups with the use of video to support public engagement. Some funding has already been successfully applied for from AECOM and the Steering Group is entitled to apply for more.

It was mentioned that the young people of Berwick are keen to get involved in the video project.

P016/16 6. TOURIST INFORMATION HUT

A local resident had placed a Tourist Information Hut on the Castlegate car park and was subsequently asked to remove the hut as planning permission was required. The resident was now asking if the Town Council would support a planning application to place a Tourist Information Hut in the same location. Members noted the idea but, due to pre-determination, would look at the planning application when submitted before deciding on comments.

P017/16 7. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

16/00276/PREAPP

In principle advice for a proposed residential development of up to 6 dwellings.

**Treetops, Main Street, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed,
Northumberland. TD15 2AW**

Members noted there were a number of applications in this area for housing and expressed concerns over traffic management.

16/01929/FUL

Construction of mixed use property, emission free total 205.59m². To be partially used as showroom/office for sale of granite & marble and partially used for private residence.

**Land South East Of Tweedside Timber, Tweedside Trading Estate,
Tweedmouth, Northumberland.**

Members had no objection in principle but were concerned that allowing a private

residence in an industrial area could set a precedent.

16/02180/FUL

Redevelopment of existing petrol filling station comprising demolition of existing and erection of replacement forecourt canopy, pump island, underground tanks and convenience store (281 sqm) with ATM.

Northern Gateway Service Station, North Road, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1QQ

No objections.

16/02230/FUL

Erection of four dwelling houses.

Former Seabank Chalet Site, The Crescent, Spittal, Northumberland.

Members would agree with comments made by Northumbrian Water, would like to draw attention to the fact that two applications for this site have already been rejected in the past and expressed concern over access.

16/02270/FELTPO

Tree Preservation Order: Remove 1no. over mature Cypress tree.

1 The Elms, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1NL

Members noted the application, however, they did wonder if the tree could be made safe by pruning.

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8. PLANNING APPLICATION DECISION LIST

Concern was expressed that the Town Council had not been consulted on the Planning Applications regarding non-material amendment and discharge of conditions for the DP Furniture Express site.

The remaining decisions provided in the attachments were noted.

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9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday, 9 August at 6.30 pm.