

## **BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 20 October 2009  
at 6.30 pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors: P Herdman (Chairman)  
A Bowlas  
V Pauline  
J Robertson  
C Routledge  
F Simpson  
J Waterhouse

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

S Finch, Town Clerk

**PO32/09**

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence had been received.

**PO33/09**

#### **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2009 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**PO34/09**

#### **3. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public present.

**PO35/09**

#### **4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillors Bowlas and Simpson declared a personal interest, and Councillor Waterhouse declared a personal and prejudicial interest, in 09/B/0419 (Residential units at Highcliffe).

Councillor Waterhouse declared a personal interest in 09/B/0441 (5 Marygate).

**PO36/09**

#### **5. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

**09/B/0418**

**Erection of a 2.4 m fence to replace existing.**

**The Grove School, Grove Gardens, TD15 2EN**

No objection.

**09/B/0429**

**Erection of 1 fascia sign.**

**Tweedmouth Clinic, Shielfield Terrace, TD15 2EQ**

No objection.

**09/B/0430**

**Erection of agricultural worker's dwelling, agricultural building and office store.**

**Castle Hills Farm, TD15 1PB**

No objection.

**09/B/0366 and 09/B/0367**

**Installation of various illuminated and non-illuminated signs (Advertisement Consent and Listed Building Consent)**

**37 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1DW**

No objection.

**09/B/0403**

**Formation of dormer at rear of property.**

**82 Osborne Crescent, Tweedmouth, TD15 2HX**

No objection.

**09/B/0417**

**Internal alterations (retrospective), Listed Building Consent**

**27 Bridge Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2JF**

No objection.

**09/B/0422**

**Conversion of farm steading into residential use.**

**Lilliestead, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2EQ**

No objection.

**09/B/0423**

**Change of use from office/shop to hot food takeaway.**

**4 Woolmarket, TD15 1DH.**

Members agreed that whilst they had no objection in principle, they were concerned that the proposed opening hours were too long, and that the new use could lead to congestion and parking issues, smells, and an increase in litter. They were particularly concerned that the proposed extractor fan would be located beneath a residential unit and the fumes discharged would affect the residents on the floor above; they felt this location should be changed.

**09/B/0424**

**Repaint fascia of building and erect new signage.**

**34/36 Ravensdowne, TD15 1DQ**

There was no objection as long as the shades being used were acceptable in a Conservation area.

**09/B/414**

**[This application was outside the Town Council area and was not therefore considered].**

**09/00156/CCM**

**Change of use to skip hire and waste recycling centre.**

**Industrial Unit Brass Bastion, Ramparts Business Park**

[NOTE: Councillor Simpson left the meeting at this time].

Members were very concerned about the impact of the proposed development on the school and houses to the south of the site. In particular members were concerned about the potential noise levels, given that the buildings open to the south. The noise impact surveys did not appear to be conclusive or reassuring.

In addition to noise, given the proximity of a residential area and school, there were concerns about the extent to which management of the site could be

controlled.

The comment was also made that there was no suggestion that in the event of this application being approved, the applicant would close the existing Tweedmouth depot.

Members agreed that their objection to the proposed development be forwarded to the County Council.

**09/B/0400 and 09/B/0401**

**Alterations to existing dwelling (planning permission and Listed Building Consent)**

**58 Main Street, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed. TD152AA**

No objection.

**09/B/0441**

**5 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed. TD15 1AT**

**Internal alterations to convert café to retail premises including new signage (Listed Building Consent).**

No objection.

**09/B/0446**

**Proposed two storey extension.**

**2 Westfield Avenue. TD15 1PU**

No objection.

[NOTE: Councillor Waterhouse, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, left the meeting during consideration of the following application and did not return].

**09/B/419**

**New office with storage for distribution of renewable energy products inc wind turbines and pv solar modules. The application is also for training tower for wind turbines inc fully working turbine on 24m mast.**

**150 residential units at Springhill/Highcliffe**

Members had no objection to a development which would provide additional affordable housing and socially rented housing. However, they felt that the existing 30 mph limit on the A1167 should be extended south to match the extent of the proposed estate.

**PO37/09**

**6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be 17 November 2009.