

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 June 2011 at 6.30pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: Peter Herdman (Chairman)
Alan Bowlas
Ivor Dixon
Vivienne Pauline
John Robertson
Clive Routledge

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sue Finch, Town Clerk.

3 members of the public.

P009/11 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

P010/11 2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor C Routledge be appointed Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee for the year 2011/2012.

P011/11 3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 17 May 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

The Clerk advised that additional information on application 11/00614/FUL (41 Main Street, Spittal) was not to hand and that she would make enquiries about its status.

P012/11 4. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Mr Jones spoke about his concerns relating to application 11/00955/FUL (Castle Hills Farm, Castle Hills). His objections had been circulated to members. The grounds for objecting were that the proposal appeared to be in conflict with Policy W2 of the Local Plan, the design and materials were inappropriate to an area of High Landscape Value; and that the scale of the

building was excessive in relation to the scale of the agricultural operation. There was particular concern that whilst the thrust of policy was for use of brownfield sites, which were available to the applicant, this development had been proposed for a greenfield site.

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5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no Disclosure of Interests.

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6. AMENDMENT TO MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: Councillor Waterhouse to be a member of the Planning Committee.

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7. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

11/00827/FUL

Replacement boundary fence.

St Cuthberts RC First School, Prince Edward Road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 2EX

There was no objection, but the Clerk was asked to enquire whether the height of the fence, at eight feet, was appropriate as this seemed excessive.

11/00890/LBC

Demolition of rear open porch.

Bower Villa, 9 Palace Green, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

TD15 1HR

No objection.

11/00986/LBC

Replacement of window within existing dormer to front elevation.

26A Bridge Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1AQ

No objection.

11/00955/FUL

Erection of an Agricultural Shed.

Castle Hills Farm, Castle Hills, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

TD15 1PB

Members noted that the materials for the proposed building were inappropriate, and that block rather than metal should be used for the whole building.

The Chairman suspended standing orders.

Mr Jones and Mr Sutherland presented further grounds for objection, and expanded on those which had been presented under Item 4. Reference was made to the historic site, and concerns that the proposed building could lead to damage to archaeological features.

The Chairman re-instated standing orders.

Following discussion, members agreed to object to this application on the grounds that the site, design and structure were inappropriate for the location; that no evidence had been provided of the agricultural need for a building of the proposed scale; and that no assessment appeared to have been made of the historic significance of the site in order to identify whether any protection might be required.

11/01002/COU

Change of Use from Ecclesiastical Building to gallery and living accommodation.

Kingdom Hall, West End, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

No objection.

11/01016/FUL

House extension and garage.

3 Low Cocklaw, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1UY

No objection.

11/01035/FUL

Erection of garden shed.

8 St Georges Road, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1QE

Members objected to this application on the grounds that the size of the proposed shed was disproportionate to the size of the site.

11/01115/FUL

Extension of existing dwelling.

Villa Esbjerg, Cow Road, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

TD15 1RY

No objection.

11/01152/LBC

Replacement rear kitchen window.

Alannah House, 84 Church Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

TD15 1DU

No objection.

11/01215/FUL

**Replacement of existing window within dormer of front elevation to
Bridge Street.**

26A Bridge Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1AQ

No objection.

11/01219/ADE

Replacement internally illuminated signs.

Asda, Main Street, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

TD15 2DS

There was no objection to the non-illuminated sign; however, members objected to the proposed illuminated sign on the north elevation, and asked that this, if agreed, should be on the understanding that it is not illuminated.

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8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday, 19 July 2011.