

## BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 24 November 2015 at 6.30pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillors:	C Seymour (Chair)	A Forbes
	H Bettison	G Hill
	I Dixon	G Smith

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

3 members of the public

### **OPEN SESSION**

Concerns and issues were raised regarding the way in which Northumberland County Council was disposing of property and specifically the offices on Wallace Green.

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

Apologies for absence had been accepted from: Councillors E Goodyer (work commitment), K Graham (personal) and P Hodgson (work commitment).

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#### **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 20 October 2015 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

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#### **3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Councillor H Bettison declared a personal interest in Item 9, Application 15/03346/FUL and 15/03347/LBC (Land At Sandstell Road, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1QY).

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#### **4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION**

There were no requests for dispensation.

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#### **5. LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

At the last meeting of the Steering Group there was agreement to plan public engagement for February 2016. The Group made a submission to the Core

Strategy which was agreed at full Council on Monday, 22 November 2015 with some additions including that Berwick is a Coastal Town. This will go in on Wednesday, 25 November 2015.

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## **6. FLAGSTAFF PARK**

Following on from the Planning Application that was submitted it has subsequently come to light that Scheduled Monument Consent is required. There were concerns that a cost would be involved, however, this was found to be unlikely. It was confirmed that the situation would be clarified regarding the transfer of freehold before any work was carried out.

**RESOLVED: That Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council apply for Scheduled Monument Consent for play equipment to be installed on Flagstaff Park.**

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## **7. PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Members supported the proposed parking restrictions for Brucegate in Berwick.

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## **8. OLD JAIL AND COURTHOUSE, WALLACE GREEN COUNCIL OFFICES**

Members discussed applying for the Old Jail and Courthouse, Wallace Green Council Offices (now Northumberland County Council Contact Centre) to be a Listed Building. It was felt that while changes have been made and was in need of updating, it was still a fine building with a lot of original features.

**RESOLVED: To apply to Historic England for the Old Jail and Courthouse, Wallace Green Council Offices to be a listed building.**

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## **9. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

**15/03346/FUL**

**Proposed part demolition of existing buildings, retention and restoration of former listed smokery, development of 13no residential dwellings, car-parking and associated works.**

**Land At Sandstell Road, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.**

**TD15 1QY**

Members objected on the grounds of flood risk, layout and density of buildings, public visual amenity and the effect on listed building(s) and conservation area and would support those observations of the Conservation Officer. Concern was also raised by Members that the application encroached onto common land.

**15/03347/LBC**

**Listed building consent for part demolition of existing buildings, retention and restoration of former listed smokery, development of 13no residential dwellings, car parking and associated works.**

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**15/03591/FUL**

**Proposed single storey extension.**

**25 Billendean Road, Spittal, Northumberland. TD15 1QS**

No objections.

**15/03649/CCD**

**Single storey, two classroom, stand alone extension block to rear of existing school to create additional 75 places with cloak and toilet facilities.**

**Spittal County First School, Main Street, Spittal, Northumberland. TD15**

**1RD**

No objections.

**15/02791/FUL**

**Securely fit two metre high side fences, fixed decking platform, and freestanding storage/counter unit to rear ground area of existing licensed public house. (amended description).**

**Thatch Inn, 45 West End, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed,**

**Northumberland. TD15 2HE**

No objections.

**15/01309/PREAPP**

**Proposal is to site 2no. dwellings to East of Mill Farm on existing disused land, utilising existing access.**

**Mill Farm, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 2HP**

Members had no objection in principle, however, they were concerned that this development is on a green field site.

**15/03780/FUL**

**Installation of 1 temporary refrigerated (20ft) container (between 1st November and 31st January annually).**

**Marks And Spencer, Unit C Tweedbank Retail Park, Tweedmouth, Northumberland. TD15 2AS**

No objections.

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**10. PLANNING APPLICATION DECISION LIST**

The decisions provided in the attachment were noted.

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**11. BERWICK HOSPITAL**

Concerns were raised by Members over the lack of information and development regarding the new hospital.

**RESOLVED: To request that the Clerk writes a letter asking for an update on the new hospital development in Berwick.**

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**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday, 15 December 2015 at 6.30 pm.