

**BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL**

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

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: D Stewart (Chairman)  
P Herdman  
G Hill  
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 17 February 2009 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

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**3. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC**

There were no statements by members of the public.

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**4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interest.

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**5. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

**09/B/0054**

**Insertion of outside flue and installation gas central heating. Listed Building Consent Application.**

**51 Ravensdowne, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1DQ**

No objection.

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**09/B/0074**

**Change of use from B1, B2 and B8 to D2 (a family entertainment centre).**

**Full Planning Application.**

**Industrial Counter, Unit At Brass Bastion Ramparts Business Park, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1TX**

No objection.

**09/B/0104**

**Replacement of existing information and directional signs throughout the station. Listed Building Consent Application.**

**Berwick-upon-Tweed Railway Station.**

No objection.

**09/B/0110**

**Proposed felling of 1 no beech tree. Tree Preservations.**

**Tower House, Tower Road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2BD**

No objection.

**09/B/0122**

**Removal of 1 no ash tree. Tree Preservations.**

**121b Etal Road, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2DU**

No objection.

**09/B/0094**

**Replace 9 no front windows to UPVC to upper floor. Full Planning Application.**

**1 Lees Lane, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 2BQ**

No objection.

**09/B/0092 and 09/B/0093**

**Install gas pipe to front of building. Listed Building Consent Application**

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**and Full Planning Application.**

**First floor flat, 120 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1BH**

Members agreed that the installation of a gas pipe to the exterior of the building was inappropriate in a conservation area, and that the preferred solution would be to run the pipe up inside the building.

**09/B/0140**

**Installation of 2 no gas flue terminals. Listed building consent.**

**5a and 5b, Ravensdowne, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1HX.**

No objection.

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**6. DELEGATED PLANNING APPLICATION DECISION LIST**

Delegated planning application decisions were noted.

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**7. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT – SATELLITE DISHES**

Members considered the information which had been provided by the Borough Council's Enforcement Officer, following the complaint about satellite dishes which had been forwarded to the Town Council by Mrs Shaw, representing Berwick-upon-Tweed Civic Society.

It was noted that Listed Building consent, and/or planning permission could be required but it was not always a straightforward matter.

Members agreed that they shared the concern of Berwick-upon-Tweed Civic Society about the inappropriate location of some satellite dishes. But they also acknowledged that the resource implications of a consistent policy of enforcement throughout the Borough were considerable, and this was unlikely to be achievable at the present time.

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**8. PROTOCOL FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Chairman introduced the draft protocol which had been tabled. He said the aim was to provide a framework and guidance for Councillors considering planning applications.

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Members welcomed the protocol, and agreed its adoption should be commended to the next meeting of the Council.

**RESOLVED: To commend to the Council that the Protocol for the Planning Committee should be adopted by Berwick-upon-Tweed Council.**

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**9. SEAGULLS AND PLANNING**

Members considered the proposal which had been put forward to incorporate reference to seagull deterrents attaching to planning consents, when commenting on planning applications.

Members did not agree this was desirable or necessary, but agreed seagull nuisance could be a point for consideration by the Planning Committee as appropriate.

**RESOLVED: The Town Council to be aware of seagull nuisance, and, where the Planning Committee considers it appropriate in individual applications, to incorporate in its response to the planning authority, a recommendation relating to seagull deterrents.**

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**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on 21 April 2009 at 6.30 pm, with plans available for consideration from 6 pm.

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