

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 18 October 2016 at 6.30pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: G Roughead (Chair)
A Forbes
C Seymour
G Smith

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

OPEN SESSION

In the public session safety concerns were raised about young people playing on the road at the Parade.

Concerns were also raised about lack of adequate play facilities in Berwick. After discussion by Members, the Committee felt it was important that young people and school classes should be engaged, be able to contribute ideas and have a voice on regeneration of the town's play parks.

P036/16 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been accepted from: Councillors I Dixon and G Hill.

P037/16 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 20 September 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

P038/16 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

P039/16 4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

P040/16 5. LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Northumberland Association of Local Councils Enews of 18 October 2016

provided a link to a news item about the Neighbourhood Planning Bill which received its second reading on Monday, unopposed. Opposition MPs used the debate to flag up concern over planning department resourcing and the legislation's absence of measures on infrastructure.

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6. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

16/00395/PREAPP

Change of use to mixed use.

Showroom, 7 - 11 Silver Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

TD15 1HU

Members had concerns with Sunday opening due to being located within a residential area.

16/03044/FUL

Proposed replacement of existing aluminium windows and front door at front of house with UPVC windows and blue composite door of a more appropriate design to suit style of house.

12 Warkworth Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1LE

Members appreciated that the proposal is more in keeping with the rest of the property.

16/03276/BT

BT request to remove phone box - 01289 307066.

Opp 14 Highcliffe, Spittal Hall Road, Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

The plan for a public consultation pleased Members, however, they were concerned that if the boxes were taken away they could affect those without a telephone, especially the elderly. Members would also like more details on the public consultation as well as what is classed as low usage.

16/03277/BT

BT request to remove phone box - 01289 307199.

PCO Newfields, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

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concerned that if the boxes were taken away they could affect those without a telephone, especially the elderly. Members would also like more details on the public consultation as well as what is classed as low usage.

16/03278/BT

BT request to remove phone box - 01289 331289.

**Opposite Homebase, Northumberland Road, Tweedmouth,
Northumberland.**

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16/03307/FUL

Proposed renewal of bay window to existing kitchen.

**The Cloisters, 12 Ravensdowne, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.
TD15 1HX**

Members were curious as to whether the building was listed, and therefore, should there also be a Listed Building Consent application.

16/03363/FUL

Proposed replacement of front door.

85 Low Greens, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1LX

No objection.

16/03420/ADE

Advertisement consent for branded signage for new Premier Inn hotel.

Playhouse Cinema, Sandgate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

TD15 1EP

No objection.

16/03505/FUL

Retrospective change of use of upper floors, from office to residential, to

form 2-bed roomed maisonette.

65 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1BA

No objection.

16/03565/FUL

Installation of 3no. exterior LED lights for Premier Inn hotel building.

Playhouse Cinema, Sandgate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

TD15 1EP

No objection.

16/03590/FUL

Proposed refurbishment & sub-division of existing retail unit to form two separate units.

42 Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1BN

Members were glad that the space is to be used.

16/03635/FUL

Construction of single storey extension at south side of the property.

27 Church Road, Tweedmouth. TD15 2AN

No objection.

16/03653/FUL

Renovation, remodelling & new extension to two dwelling houses, demolition of existing dwelling house to rear & erection of new dwelling house on the same footprint.

23 Tweed Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1NG

No objection.

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7. PLANNING APPLICATION DECISION LIST

The decisions provided in the attachment were noted.

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8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday, 22 November 2016 at 6.30 pm.