

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 June 2017 at 6.30pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	G Roughead (Chair)	B Douglas
	A Bowlas	A Forbes
	R Bruce	G Smith
	I Dixon	

IN ATTENDANCE:

G Davies, Town Clerk

S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

6 member of the public

OPEN SESSION

Concerns and issues were raised regarding the Planning Application for Land South Of St Aidens House, Palace Green, Berwick-upon-Tweed.

P016/17 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

P017/17 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 30 May 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

P018/17 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor B Douglas declared an interest in Item 6, Application 17/01852/FUL (Land South Of St Aidens House, Palace Green, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.);

Councillor A Forbes declared an interest in Item 6, Applications 17/01943/FUL (7 Douglas Close, Berwick-upon-Tweed. TD15 1PG) and 17/02069/FUL (7 Parade School Mews, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1ET); and

Councillor G Roughead declared an interest in Item 6, Application 17/02069/FUL

(7 Parade School Mews, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1ET).

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4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

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5. LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

An update on the Local Neighbourhood Plan had been received at the Council meeting of Tuesday, 20 June 2017.

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6. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

17/01836/FUL

Proposed car park health and safety upgrades.

Tweedmouth Clinic Shielfield Terrace Etal Road Tweedmouth TD15 2EQ

No objections.

17/01852/FUL

Construction of 3no. three storey terrace dwellings.

Land South Of St Aidens House, Palace Green, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

Members of this Council considered this application at its Planning Committee on 21 June 2017, with six members of the public present, some of whom also made representations.

Concerns were voiced about the impact of this development on traffic and parking in a sensitive area. Concerns were also expressed about the question of whether this was development or over-development. Members also considered, but dismissed as not a material planning consideration, the risk of future alternative developments on this site, and their desire to see a site improved through development. All of the discussions were framed within the significant historical and archaeological context of what all the members agreed was a very sensitive site.

With regard to the sensitivity of the site, adjacent as it is to the Town Walls, members gave considerable weight to the reminder that on past developments at Governors Gardens significant archaeological finds were made, and formed the view that, in the event approval was granted, a condition requiring a robust

scheme of archaeological mitigation and monitoring, overseen by independent archaeologists, was essential.

After hearing all the representations, and all the views expressed, council considered the plans carefully, bearing in mind the highly significant context of the site. Council concluded, reluctantly, that the lack of contextual information on Drawing 08 (Elevations) made it impossible for them to appraise the impact of the development on the surrounding features. Council therefore resolved to request the Planning Authority to hold a site meeting to allow decision makers to better understand the impact of the proposed development on its surroundings, bearing in mind the sensitivity of the sight with regard to the town's heritage.

17/01943/FUL

Proposed new single storey extension to rear of house to create a new kitchen / dining / living area + associated external works and various alterations to layout.

7 Douglas Close, Berwick-upon-Tweed. TD15 1PG

No objections.

17/01959/FUL

Installation of new cast iron soil vent pipe to south elevation.

26 Palace Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1HN

No objections.

17/02027/COU

Change of use from office (B1) to beauty treatments (Sui Generis) including internal alterations.

Unit 5 The Chandlery, Quayside, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

TD15 1HE

No objections.

17/02028/LBC

Listed building consent for change of use from office (B1) to beauty

treatments (Sui Generis) including internal alterations.

Unit 5 The Chandlery, Quayside, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

TD15 1HE

No objections.

17/02069/FUL

Retrospective: Replacement of front and back doors due to damage to previous doors.

7 Parade School Mews, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland. TD15 1ET

[NOTE: Councillors A Forbes and G Roughead, having declared an interest, left the meeting during consideration of this item].

No objections.

17/02134/FELTPO

Tree Preservation Order: T1 Regenerated Lime - Fell (no replacement, insufficient space). T2 Sycamore - 20% crown thinning. T3 Beech - 20% crown thinning. T4 Horse Chestnut - 10% crown thinning. T5 Mountain Ash - retain, no change. T6 Lime - Crown lifting to approx 10ft above ground and 20% crown thinning.

9 Turret Gardens Tweedmouth TD15 2ET

No objections.

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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, 18 July 2017 at 6.30 pm.