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Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 6:30pm
in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth

Present:	Councillors:	R Wearmouth	– Chairman
		N Best	– Mayor, <i>ex-officio</i>
		N Bawn	
		A Byard	
		J Gebhard	
		J Parreira	
		A Tebbutt	
		J Tebbutt	
	Clerks:	Miss D Smith	– Deputy Clerk
		Mrs J Wilson	– Office Manager
	Absent Councillors:	Cllr J Wearmouth	– Holiday
		Cllr K Holmes	– Personal

468/17 **Committee Chairman's Announcements**

- Members were advised of the usual rules about the recording of meetings.
- Members were reminded that mobile phones should be turned on to silent and should not be used during the meeting.

469/17 **Mayoral Announcements**

- A final fundraiser for the Mayors Charity will be a concert by the Mid Northumberland Chorus which takes place on 12th May 2018 at Morpeth Methodist Church. The Mayoress will be performing.
- The Mayor Making Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 16th May 2018 at 6:30pm in the Ballroom in the Town Hall.
- The 'Love Your Local Market' fortnight will take place between 17th and 31st May 2018. A tour of the market will be held on Wednesday 30th May 2018 at 11am. Town and County Councillors have been invited to attend along with Northumberland County Council (NCC) County Cllr Glen Sanderson.
- A litter pick, organised by the Greater Morpeth Development Trust (GMDT), will take place on Sunday 13th May at 2.15pm, meeting at Storey Park Community Centre.

470/17 **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received the following declarations of interest on this occasion:

Cllr J Tebbutt – Town and Country Planning Act 1990, 18/00715/CCD – Former Fire and Rescue Workshop – (Prejudicial Interest – Chair Governor of Goosehill First School)

Cllr Andrew Tebbutt – Town and Country Planning Act 1990, 18/00715/CCD – Former Fire and Rescue Workshop – (Personal Interest – Husband of Joan Tebbutt, Chair Governor of Goosehill First School)

471/17 Public Participation Time

There were no members of the public present who wished to ask a question on this occasion.

472/17 Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 11th April 2018

The minutes of the above meeting was approved as a true record.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Minutes of 11th April 2018, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

473/17 Matters Arising

See Appendix B

474/17 Items referred from other Committees and Working Groups

There were no items referred on this occasion.

475/17 Licences

There were no licenses to consider on this occasion.

476/17 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- (i) Members considered the planning applications for w/c 30th April 2018, see Appendix C.

Cllr J Tebbutt declared a prejudicial interest in this matter and Cllr A Tebbutt declared a personal interest in this matter, see Min 470/17.

Cllr J Tebbutt left the room at 7.06pm, returning at 7.14pm

Cllr J Gebhard left the room at 7.20pm, returning at 7.22pm

- (ii) Members were provided for information with the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for the 9th, 16th and 23rd April 2018.

(iii) 17/04652/FUL – Barratt Homes, South Fields, Hepscott

Members were asked to consider a further response to the above application following an email request from Altoria Development and confirmation that a revised transport assessment has been published. Members raised concerns that the assessment only made reference to the area in front of the A196 and there was no mention to the effect on the A192, Telford Bridge or Mafeking Roundabout.

Members were also advised that NCC have confirmed that Barratts have committed to a financial contribution of £37,500 towards healthcare provision.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) To respond to Altoria Development to confirm that the Council maintain its original objections
- c) To request an update on the S278 agreements and ask them to engage with the relevant Town and Parish Councils on S106 contributions

477/17 **Northumberland Local Plan – Spring 2018 Consultation**

Members were asked to consider a response to the above consultation.

Members noted the Local Plan proposals as detailed, that the settlement boundary and housing allocation is retained with no alterations. However, members agree that further consideration should be given to the Green Belt inset boundary.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) To request an informal meeting with NCC regarding the Green Belt inset boundary, as well as part of the formal consultation, Morpeth Town Council (MTC) will facilitate the meeting.
- c) To invite the neighbouring parishes of Hebron, Hepscott, Pegswood and Morpeth to attend any meeting held.

478/17 **Road Hierarchy**

Members were provided with a letter from NCC Local Services regarding road hierarchy in the county for consideration.

Members discussed key issues in Morpeth and raised the following points:-

1. If there is a planned closure on the A1, the diversion route should be directed along the bypass towards Ashington and down Whorral Bank, rather than directly through the centre of Morpeth;
2. The resilience road should be all the way to County Hall;
3. The centre of Morpeth should be avoided as far as possible for high sided vehicles and the use of the bypass should be the directed route.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) To respond to the survey, raising the points discussed

479/17 2018 Surface Dressing

Members were provided for information with an advanced notification of surface dressing on the High House Road in Morpeth. The works are due to start between May and September 2018.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

480/17 Tree Preservation Order (TPO)

- (i) Members were asked to consider if there are any Tree Preservation Orders they would like to be applied for in the Morpeth area.

RESOLVED

- a) There were no TPO's requested on this occasion
- b) Members agreed to remove TPO's as a standard agenda item

481/17 Road Closures

There were no road closures to consider on this occasion.

482/17 Morpeth Forum

Members were advised that the next Morpeth Masterplan consultation will now take place on 6th July 2018.

Any expressions of interest for the Terrace site need to be received by 1st June 2018, the agents will then assess the responses for suitability.

The new Chief Executive of Active Northumberland will be asked along to the consultation, along with representatives of the Queen's Head development and the old Benfield site on Castle Square.

A report on Storey Park Community Centre should be presented at the next Finance and General Purposes meeting.

Cllr R Wearmouth suggested an informal meeting be held with all councillors prior to the consultation session to brief them on any developments.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

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Local Council Issues

There were no issues on this occasion

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7:47pm with Councillors R Wearmouth, N Bawn, N Best, A Byard, J Gebhard, J Parreira, A Tebbutt and J Tebbutt present.

473/17 Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
364/17 (321/17) (289/17) (246/17) (220/17)	Shields Road Bus Shelter	The Deputy Clerk advised members that she has continued to chase the installation of the new bus shelter with both NCC and the supplier. The supplier has now confirmed that the shelter is in production and will be installed as soon as possible.	Information duly noted.
439/17 (392/17) (369/17) (365/17)	Items referred - F&GP - Area Council Issues	Members were advised that we are still awaiting a response from NCC regarding signage for the A697 Rothbury/Wooler road.	Information duly noted. Cllr R Wearmouth is to chase a response from NCC.
439/17 (369/17) (367/17)	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – (v) Application 14/02140/FUL – Clifton Caravan Centre, Great North Road, Clifton, Morpeth NE61 6DG	<p>Members were advised that a response has been received to the concerns below which were raised NCC -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why has it taken until now for the application to be granted permission when it was minded to approve in 2014? <i>It can take time to resolve the section 106 agreement and in this case it took longer than most. NCC are working hard to ensure that such delays are not encountered moving forward.</i> • A Section 278 requirement was to be fulfilled before any development could take place, can a copy of the Section 278 agreement be provided? • Will additional footpaths be installed between the development and the bus stops on the A197? (Part of the Section 278 agreement) <i>In answer to the two questions, NCC confirmed that a s278 agreement is voluntary, however if it wasn't entered into the developers could not comply with condition 14 which requires implementation of the foot way and crossing. As things stand there is no such agreement but NCC will monitor the progress.</i> 	<p>Information duly noted.</p> <p>To respond to NCC to express concern of the danger and disappointment that the paths and a crossing have not been installed.</p> <p>To copy the response to Cllr Karin Carins and the Clerk of Stannington Parish Council, David Hall.</p>

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<p>439/17 (369/17) (373/17)</p>	<p>Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan and Housing Figures</p>	<p>Members were advised that a response has been received to a request made for confirmation of when the issue as to when does "above minimum" number of houses stop being viable and how will the emerging Local Plan reflects the pressure on Morpeth and the housing already being delivered. The Deputy Clerk read out the response from NCC which confirms that the proposed Local Plan will not be proposing development in excess of that already committed.</p>	<p>Information duly noted.</p> <p>To respond to NCC to ask them to consider what is the appropriate density level and whether an assessment of facilities should be carried out in association with new developments.</p> <p>To invite NCC to discuss the housing figures, along with representatives from the neighbouring parishes.</p>
<p>439/17 (396/17) (364/17)</p>	<p>Morpeth Car Parking Studies – T1 Bus Service</p>	<p>A. Members were asked to consider the Morpeth Parking Study Action Plan. A few concerns were raised which included the reference to 'long stay' parking at Goosehill and the maximum period of parking at the railway station.</p> <p>B. Cllr Byard provided an update in relation the proposed extension of the T1 bus service. She advised that a walk of the route had been completed with the service provider but unfortunately the proposed route on the Avenues was not possible due to on street parking and manoeuvring difficulties. The providers of the service are however planning a trial service to run past Stobhillgate play area, past the school and on to Green Lane.</p>	<p>Information duly noted.</p> <p>A. To approve the draft action plan and suggest to NCC that the reference to 'long stay' is replaced with 'edge of town centre' in relation to parking at Goosehill and that consideration is given to reduce the maximum 72 hour stay at the railway station.</p> <p>B. To enquire when the trial is to be carried out.</p>

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439/17 (404/17)	Local Event Road Closure	The Deputy Clerk informed members that Cllr Bawn has advised if the full charges for road closures are met in relation to local events, an application could be made for a Community Chest grant, however he could not pre determine the outcome.	Information duly noted.
442/17	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – (iv) 18/00608/CCD Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth	Members were advised that assurances have been received from NCC that the brick etched art work and glass etchings will remain untouched. Consideration will also be given to the introduction of secure rooms / areas in reception for private discussions between members of the public and officers.	Information duly noted.
445/17	Road Closures – C148, St Leonard's Road	Members were advised that the road closure on the C148, for the period 10/05-25/10/18, will only be in effect on 10 th May 2018 between the hours of 6am and 6pm.	Information duly noted.

Appendix C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 30th April 2018

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
18/00173/ADE	Requested to be brought to committee from planning list w/c 9 th April 2018 Mr Alastair Willis Fulbeck Grange, Fulbeck, Morpeth, NE61 3JU	Advertisement consent for 2 x entrance signage, 6x flag pole signage and 'V' board sign.	Morpeth Town Council object to this application as the number of flagpole signage is excessive for the area.		Application Granted
18/00715/CCD	Requested to be brought to committee from planning list w/c 16 th April 2018 Mr Mark Elliott Former Fire And Rescue Workshop And Outbuildings, Loansdean, Morpeth, NE61 2AP	Construction of a new two storey First School for children aged from nursery to 8 years old. To include external play areas, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and associated parking. <i>Cllr J Tebbutt left at 7.06pm, returning at 7.14pm</i>	Morpeth Town Council support the application however, we would request that an additional crossing, with either lights or a patrol officer at peak times, be considered particularly near to the new Bellway development.		
18/01185/ADE	Requested to be brought to committee from planning list w/c 16 th April 2018 Eurogarages Proposed Morpeth Bypass, Morpeth (Mitford Parish)	Advertisement consent for 1 x dibond panel and 1 x aluminium panel.	Morpeth Town Council object to this application on the following grounds:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns that the signage is a hazard to users of both the bypass and A1 It is an unsightly addition to the main entrance to Morpeth 		

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17/02588/FUL	<p>Requested to be brought to committee from planning list w/c 23rd April 2018</p> <p>Mr Pollard Former Morpeth Police Station, Castle Square, Morpeth, NE61 1YH</p>	<p>Proposed development of a total of 32 residential units and associated access and external works. Development consists of the refurbishment and change of use of the former police building, garages and stables into 6 houses, and the demolition of workshops, rear police building and former police houses for the new build construction of 7 houses and 19 apartments.</p> <p>A vote was taken: 5 For, 0 Against and 5 Abstention</p> <p><i>Cllr J Gebhard left the room at 7.20p, returning at 7.22pm</i></p>	<p>Can we also request confirmation as to what the maximum size of signage in such an area can be?</p> <p>(Copy comments to Mitford Parish Council)</p> <p>Morpeth Town Council maintain their original comments and still have concerns as to the safety of the access which has only been compounded by the change in the road due to the new cycle path. We would request that as the site is being used for additional parking on Fair Day (10th June) the access is monitored to assess the impact on this section of road.</p>	
18/01452/FUL	<p>Mr Alan Moody 1 Wansdyke, Lancaster Park, Morpeth, NE61 3RL</p>	<p>Proposed porch.</p>	<p>Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application</p>	
18/01464/PRUTPO	<p>Diana Scott Summerscott House, Morpeth, NE61 3JS</p>	<p>Tree Preservation Order application to remove 1 no branch near to garage roof of T2 Poplar and remove stem overhanging driveway of T3 Poplar.</p>	<p>Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application</p>	
18/01244/FUL	<p>Mrs Sally Carroll 12 Eglingham Close, Stobhill Manor, Morpeth, NE61 2XQ (Hepscott Parish)</p>	<p>Replace existing fencing in back garden with acoustic fencing.</p>	<p>Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application</p>	

SIGNED: 

DATE: 17/06/18

CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN
MORPETH TOWN COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE