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**Morpeth Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 6:30pm**  
**in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	J Wearmouth	- Chair
		N Best	- Vice Chairman
		N Bawn	
		A Byard	
		J Gebhard	
		D Herne (arriving at 6:37pm)	
	<b>Clerks:</b>	Mrs J Wilson	- Deputy Clerk
		Miss K Carter	- Democratic Services Assistant
	<b>Absent Councillors:</b>	K Holmes	- Holiday
		J Parreira	- Personal
		A Tebbutt	- Personal
		J Tebbutt	- Personal

Cllr Cassie and seven members of public were also in attendance

**340/18**      **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.

**341/18**      **Mayoral Announcements**

- A meal at Lollo Rosso in Morpeth will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to raise money for the Mayor's charity. The format of this is no longer a buffet, there will now be a set menu.
- The Annual Assembly and Civic Awards presentation will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 6pm in the Corn Exchange in the Town Hall.
- The Easter Oranges annual event will take place at Carlisle Park, Morpeth on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 at 11am.
- Congratulations to Morpeth Football Club, who have won the Northumberland Seniors Cup, and Morpeth Rugby Club who won their league.

Cllr Herne arrived at 6:37pm

**342/18**      **Declarations of Interest**

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

*Cllr N Best – Planning Applications List for Consideration – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 application 19/00182/FUL 30 Thorp Avenue, Morpeth, NE61 1JR – (Personal Interest – has been in discussions with residents)*

*Cllr A Byard – Planning Applications List for Consideration – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 application 19/00182/FUL 30 Thorp Avenue, Morpeth, NE61 1JR – (Personal Interest – friend of the applicant)*

*Cllr J Gebhard – Planning Applications List for Consideration – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 application 19/00720/FUL The Joiners Arms, Wansbeck Street, Morpeth, NE61 1XZ– (Prejudicial Interest – has expressed support to the applicant)*

**343/18**

**Public Participation Time**

1. Several members of the public addressed members with concerns regarding planning application 19/00182/FUL 30 Thorp Avenue, Morpeth, including:

- Disruption in a small cul-de-sac;
- Previous works resulted in roads and pavements being blocked by delivery vehicles;
- A strict schedule of work should be followed to avoid weekend working;
- The proposed development is not in proportion to other dwellings;
- The proposed balcony encroaches on neighbours' land;
- Flood management of the stream that runs through land on Thorp Avenue
- Without the appropriate drawings from an architect it is hard to envisage how the proposed development will sit alongside surrounding properties.

Members unanimously agreed to bring forward item 9 (i) planning list for w/c 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 **19/00182/FUL – 30 Thorp Avenue, Morpeth**

Cllr Byard left the meeting at 6:42pm.

Cllr Best suggested that Planning Officers' attention be brought to the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan (MNP), which takes into account the impact of water flow and flooding. He also suggested that a drawing of the house in relation to the other houses be requested to see what impact it would have, and that a site visit would be beneficial.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) Morpeth Town Council (MTC) to object to the application, subject to a number of concerns being addressed, see appendix B.

*Cllrs N Best and A Byard declared a Personal Interest in this matter, see Min 342/18.*

Six members of public and Cllr Cassie left the meeting and Cllr Byard returned at 6:54pm.

2. The Deputy Clerk informed members that a request had been received from NCC Planning for comments to application 19/00466/ADE, Newcastle Building Society, 14 Market Place, Morpeth. It was brought to members' attention that the proposed signage would be illuminated.

Cllr Best suggested that the sign only be illuminated during the business' opening hours.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted
- b) To submit the following comment:

*Morpeth Town Council have no objection to this application subject to confirmation that the signs are only illuminated during opening hours.*

**344/18 Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

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

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

**345/18 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

**346/18 Licenses**

There were no license applications to consider on this occasion.

**347/18 Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 see Appendix B.

*Cllr J Gebhard declared a Personal Interest in this matter, see Min 342/18.*

Cllr Gebhard left the meeting at 6:59pm, returning at 7:03pm.

- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for w/c 11<sup>th</sup> March, w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March, and w/c 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

(iii) 18/04456/FUL – 94 Newgate Street, Morpeth, NE61 1BU

The Deputy Clerk advised members that she had received an email from NCC Planning regarding MTC's comments submitted to the above application. The applicant responded, via NCC Planning to advise that:

- The roof terrace does not overlook any residents' properties.
- The proposed management office on the ground floor will not become an additional dwelling.
- There is no number thirteen because the Post Office requested that one unit remains as 94 Newgate Street. The Planning Officer asked if the objection could be removed, given the information provided.

The Deputy Clerk advised that following circulation of this email to all members, it was agreed that the objection be removed.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

(iv) 18/02215/OUT – Butley Ben, North Lane End, Morpeth

Members were advised that an appeal has been made for the above application against refusal, and were provided for information with previous comments submitted.

Members agreed that no further comments were necessary.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

(v) 14/01898/OUT – Land West of Bramblings, Tranwell Woods, Morpeth

Members were advised that the above application was heard at Local Area Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019, however no decision has been publicised on the NCC Planning Portal.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

**348/18**      **Campaign for North of Morpeth Local Rail Service**

Members were provided for information with an update on the above campaign. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that a letter of support had been sent, as per their request.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

**349/18**      **Road Closures**

Members were advised of the following road closures:

1. B1337 – Whorral Bank to Longhirst Village
2. C146 – High House Road, Morpeth
3. U6114 – Bennetts Walk, Morpeth
4. U6010 – Fulbeck and West Shield Hill to Morpeth
5. B6343 – Hartburn to Mitford, Morpeth
6. U6114 – Bennetts Walk, Morpeth

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted

**350/18**      **Local Council Issues**

There were no issues raised on this occasion.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7:12pm with Councillors N Bawn, N Best, A Byard, J Gebhard, D Herne and J Wearmouth present.

**Min 347/18 Appendix B - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
19/00182/FUL	<p>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Cassie, from planning list w/c 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Extension granted to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019.                      Mr Matt Boyle                      30 Thorp Avenue,                      Morpeth, NE61 1JR</p>	<p>Demolition of existing house and rebuild new 5 bed house.</p>	<p>Morpeth Town Council object to this application subject to the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detailed drawings are provided on how the proposed new build will look in context with other dwellings and also how it will look on the skyline;</li> <li>Confirmation that the proposals are compliant with the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to flooding and water flow (Policy Inf1 – Flooding and Sustainable Drainage);</li> <li>Demolition and construction is only carried out Monday – Friday, set times agreed, with no weekend working;</li> <li>An off road compound for deliveries should be established on site to avoid blocking the access road to other properties;</li> <li>A considerate Construction Management Plan is provided to all residents on Thorp Avenue;</li> <li>Consideration be given to past experiences of works on the Avenue to avoid similar problems, as per neighbour's comments;</li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmation from NCC's Ecologist that there are no protected species in the area;</li> <li>If this application goes to Local Area Council for consideration, Councillors would request a site visit.</li> </ul>			
19/00720/FUL	<p>Morpeth Town Council has no objection to this application, however would request that appropriate signage is displayed to provide the history of the cannon and that the cannon will still be accessible to members of the public who are not patrons of the pub.</p>	<p>Proposed remodelling of the rear courtyard and works to the exterior of the building.</p>	<p><b>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Best, from planning list w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Extension granted to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019.</b>          Castle Square          Morpeth Ltd          The Joiners Arms,          Wansbeck Street,          Morpeth, NE61 1XZ</p>	<p>19/00720/FUL</p>
19/00825/FUL	<p>Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.</p>	<p>Substitution of plots 182-188 and 214-218 resulting in an increase in 7 dwellings and associated infrastructure.</p>	<p><b>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Gebhard, from planning list w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Extension granted to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019.</b>          Miss Beth Feeney          Land South West          Of Northgate          Hospital, A192          District Boundary          To Northgate</p>	<p>19/00825/FUL</p>

19/00966/FUL	Roundabout, Morpeth Mr David Robertson 20 St Aidans Crescent, Stobhill Grange, Morpeth, NE61 2UP	Single storey rear extension with lantern roof.	Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.		
19/00904/FUL	Mr Paul Hacking Land South Of Bluebell Court, East Cottingwood, Morpeth	Hybrid application for the construction of 159 dwellings, forming phase 1B of the development of the former St Georges Hospital site in Morpeth.	Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.		

SIGNED:   
DATE: 8/5/19  
CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN  
MORPETH TOWN COUNCIL  
STANDING COMMITTEE