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Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 21st February 2018 at 6:30pm
in the Corn Exchange at the Town Hall, Morpeth

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

Cllr Les Cassie, and eleven members of the public were also in attendance.

359/17 **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.

360/17 **Mayoral Announcements**

- Nominations for the Civic Awards need to be submitted by 28th February 2018.
- The Annual Charity Swimathon will take place on Saturday 10th March 2018.
- The Suffragette Tea Room event will be held in the Town Hall on 10th March 2018. A competition – “What would make life in Morpeth better for you” is being held. Entry forms are available from the Inside Morpeth magazine or from the event on the day. Suggestions will be passed to the Mayor and Ian Lavery MP to select the winner.
- A competition as part of the In Bloom campaign, run by Lateral Art is open to the public. The theme of the competition is local heroes. Images chosen will replace those on the planters on the Market Place. Deadline for entries is 9th May 2018.

361/17 Declarations of Interest

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

Cllr J Wearmouth – Matter Arising - Newminster Abbey (Prejudicial interest – Had prior dealings with landowner)

Cllr A Tebbutt – Town and Country Planning -18/00337/FUL - Café Des Amis, 52 Newgate St, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 1BE (Personal interest- friend of the owner)

362/17 Public Participation Time

Members of the public were in attendance to discuss the concerns regarding planning application 18/00336/FUL, 94 Newgate Street, Morpeth

A number of local residents addressed the committee with their concerns which included:

- Issue of public safety for access onto the site;
- The proposed plans take account of the objections and to the height of the bungalows, however they are still too close to the existing listed building, Kirkville;
- Privacy issues still remain;
- Single lane access is not acceptable for emergency and service vehicles;
- The removal of the trees impacts the visual amenity;
- Issues with residential parking permits and illegal parking;
- Not enough separation between properties;
- Overmassing.

Les Cassie expressed concern regarding the removal of trees, and that planning issues should not be offset against financial issues.

Members unanimously agreed to bring forward item 10 (vi) – **Application 18/00336/FUL – 94 Newgate Street, Morpeth**

Cllr R Wearmouth advised members that, following the refusal of the original application at Local Council on 9th January 2018, an appeal has been lodged.

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Members expressed their sympathy with the developers who have worked to address the objections previously raised. Without the funds from the new development it is unlikely that work to the listed building on Newgate Street would go ahead and it is important to Morpeth to protect the heritage buildings in the town. However, members also agreed with residents that the proposed development is too big for the area and it has an adverse impact on the existing properties.

RESOLVED

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

Morpeth Town Council object to this application on the following grounds:

1. Over development and Overmassing;
2. The adverse traffic implications have not been addressed;
3. The damage to long established trees is not acceptable;
4. The plans have an adverse impact on neighbouring listed building, Kirkville.

The members of the public left the meeting at 6.58pm

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Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 17th January 2018

The minutes of the above meeting was approved as a true record with the following amendment:-

Page 4 - Morpeth Car Parking Study, to add 'demand for' so the sentence reads- Cllr Best advised that the long term increase in demand for parking will be 567 spaces by 2031.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Minutes of 17th January 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.

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Matters Arising

See Appendix B

Cllr J Wearmouth declared a prejudicial interest in this matter, see min no 361/17

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Items referred from other Committees and Working Groups

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(i) **Area Council Issues**

Cllr R Wearmouth informed members that he is awaiting a response from NCC Cllr Glen Sanderson regarding signage for the A697 Rothbury/Wooler road. An update will be given at the next meeting.

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted.

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Licences

There were no licenses to consider on this occasion.

Cllr Cassie left the meeting at 7.25pm

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Town and Country Planning Act 1990

(i) Members considered the planning applications for w/c 12th February, 2018 see Appendix C.

Cllr A Tebbutt declared a personal interest in this matter, see min no.361/17

(ii) Members were provided for information with the comments submitted to applications on planning lists 15th January, 22nd January, and 29th January 2018.

(iii) Application 17/04652/FUL Barrett Homes, South Fields, Hepscott, Northumberland

Members were provided for information with the Town Council response submitted to the above application.

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Cllrs J Wearmouth, and Byard attended a meeting with Barratts Technical Director to resolve some ongoing issues. They are willing to consider the provision of S106 funds to extend the cycle path to Green lane, carry out footpath improvements on

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the A192, a contribution towards the Barnabas Centre and an electronic speed sign on the A196

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- (iv) Application 16/04486/FUL – Land North of the Garth, Pottery Bank, Morpeth, Northumberland

Members were advised that the above application was refused planning permission at the local council meeting on 12th February 2018.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- (v) Application 14/02140/FUL – Clifton Caravan Centre, Great North Road, Clifton, Morpeth NE61 6DG

Members were advised that the above application has now been granted permission. Cllr A Tebbutt advised members that this application was submitted in 2014 and is now outside of the three year period for approval. He also raised concerns regarding a section 278 agreement.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To write to the Planning officer at Northumberland County Council (NCC) to raise the following concerns:
- Why has it taken until now for the application to be granted permission when it was minded to approve in 2014;
 - 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)

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A1 – Wandylaw to Warenford Resurfacing

Members were provided for information with details regarding the resurfacing of the above section of the A1.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

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Funding for Infrastructure - St. George's Wood

Cllr R Wearmouth advised members that NCC have secured funding for the link road from the Northern Bypass to St George's. Members queried if a further request for an S106 contribution could be requested from the developer of St George's, in lieu of a contribution towards the link road.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) To write to NCC Cllr Glen Sanderson requesting confirmation of what the expected timeline for completion of the project will be.
- c) To request an additional S106 contribution from the developer

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Carlisle Park – Proposed Playground Equipment

The Deputy Clerk advised members that a planning application has been submitted to NCC for a new climbing frame, a "Buccaneer Tower" to be installed above the slide at Carlisle Park.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

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Low Stanners/Dark Lane Flood Alleviation Scheme

Cllr Byard advised members that the above works are due to commence on Monday 26th February, until approximately 29th March 2018. Temporary traffic lights will be in use on the Stanley Terrace/Staites Lane roundabout and on the northern leg of Dark lane. It is expected that there will be two overnight road closures during the five week period.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) To write to NCC to request they that Morpeth Town Council (MTC) are provided with regular bulletins of the progress.

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Northumberland Local Plan Update and 'Call for Sites'

Members were provided with information from NCC regarding a request for interested parties to submit potential development sites for consideration as part of the preparations of the forthcoming draft Local Plan.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

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Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan and Housing Figures

Cllr A Tebbutt advised members that NCC planning officers continue to refer to the indicative number of housing units in the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan as being merely a minimum. Morpeth is already at nearly 80% over the indicative figure.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) To write to NCC Cllr John Riddle and Planning Officer Mark Ketley to raise the issue as to when does the 'above minimum' number stop being viable and how will the emerging Local Plan reflect the pressure on Morpeth and the housing already being delivered.

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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.
- (ii) Members were advised that a TPO order for trees on Land to the East of County Hall, Morpeth had been made.

RESOLVED

- a) There were no TPO's requested on this occasion
- b) Information duly noted

375/17

Road Closures

Members were advised of the following road closures:-

1. U6114 Bennett's Walk, Morpeth

2. B1337 Dark Lane, Morpeth

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted

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Morpeth Forum

Members were advised that approximately 600 people attended the Morpeth Masterplan drop in session at the Town Hall on Friday 9th February 2018. Responses to the consultation are being reviewed and the results will be reported in due course. The 'Have Your Say' survey in relation to the future of Storey Park Community Centre is still open. There is a link to the survey on the Town Council website. Hard copies are also available in the Town Hall, and Community Centres. To date over 100 responses have been received. The survey will close on 9th March 2018.

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 7:57pm with Councillors R Wearmouth, J Wearmouth, N Best, A Byard, K Holmes, J Parreira, and A Tebbutt present.

364/17 Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
321/17 289/17, (246/17) (220/17)	Bus Shelter – Shields Road, Morpeth	The Deputy Clerk advised members that she has received confirmation from NCC that the bus shelter on Shields Road will be resited by the end of March 2018.	Information duly noted.
321/17 289/17 (247/17)	Items Referred from other committees – F&GP – Newminster Abbey	Members were advised that there will be a meeting in Morpeth Town Hall on 27 th March at 10am, with the Conservation Manager at NCC, and Historic England, to discuss Newminster Abbey. The Deputy Clerk, and Cllr Byard, will be attending.	Information duly noted Cllr Best will also attend the meeting
321/17 289/17 (251/17)	Prohibition of Driving Order, Morpeth Town Centre	Cllr Best has spoken with Sgt Forster, who has advised that the current regulations are not feasible to enforce due to time restraints. Residents parking permits were suggested, however it is likely that there would be more permits issued to spaces available.	Information duly noted.
326/17	Consultation - Morpeth Car Parking Studies	Members considered the car parking consultation. Cllr Holmes advised members that she is due to meet with Tony Hart regarding the T1 bus service and the feasibility of extending the service.	Information duly noted. To submit the following response: 1. Consideration be given to a reliable, frequent bus service which covers the whole of Morpeth which may help to alleviate the parking issues in the town centre. 2. Introduction of a park and ride scheme 3. A request for additional Section 106

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				<p>contributions from developers in Morpeth towards car parking in the town.</p> <p>4. The long term demand needs to be considered in relation to the future economic growth in the town as there is currently no strategy in place form development of the town centre.</p>
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Appendix C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 12th February 2018

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
18/00445/RENE	Four Seasons Health Care East Riding Care Home Morpeth NE61 3AA	Construction of building to house two biomass boilers and pellet storage area to provide up to 120kW energy to Care Home	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
18/00337/FUL	Cafe Des Amis 52 Newgate Street Morpeth Northumberland NE61 1BE	Retrospective rear extension for additional seating ar18/ea to existing cafe (class A3).	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
18/00457/PRUTPO	Mr McCavoy 11 Westgate Newminster Park Morpeth NE61 2BH	Tree preservation order application for felling of Horse Chestnut.	Morpeth Town Council has no objection to this application, however we ask that consideration is given for this to be replaced with a more suitable tree.		
18/00398/LBC	Mr Colin Stamp 30-32 Newgate Street Morpeth Northumberland NE61 1BA	Listed Building Consent: Internal alterations to form two additional shop units, and re-opening of two windows	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
18/00501/FUL	Mr Philip Renowden 51 Grange Road Stobhill Grange Morpeth NE61 2UF	Proposed kitchen refurbishment by way of conversion of existing garage. Alter flat roof to pitched roof. Replace windows and doors.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		

SIGNED: 
DATE: 14/03/18
CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN
MORPETH TOWN COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE

Administrative Unit
Office of the Director
California State University

Date: _____

and/or