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Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 6.30pm
in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth

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| Present: | Councillors: | N Best | - Vice Chairman |
| | | J Gebhard | - Mayor (ex-officio) |
| | | A Byard | |
| | | D Herne – Arriving at 6.33pm | |
| | | J Parreira | |
| | Clerks: | Miss D Smith | - Deputy Clerk |
| | | Mrs J Wilson | - Office Manager |
| | Absent Councillors: | Cllr N Bawn | - Personal |
| | | Cllr K Holmes | - Personal |
| | | Cllr A Tebbutt | - Personal |
| | | Cllr J Tebbutt | - Personal |
| | | Cllr J Wearmouth | - Personal |

In the absence of Cllr J Wearmouth, Cllr Best assumed the Chair.

115/18 **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.

116/18 **Mayoral Announcements**

- A bag pack will take place on Friday 26th October, 10am – 4pm, in Morrison's in Morpeth in aid of the Mayors charity.

Cllr Best advised that the Chamber of Trade Gin Festival takes place on Friday 21st September 2018 in Morpeth Town Hall, only three tickets are remaining.

117/18 **Declarations of Interest**

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

Cllr Jack Gebhard – Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - (Prejudicial – Known to applicant of 18/02655/FUL)

Cllr Joao Parreira – Town and County Planning Act 1990 – (Personal – Known to applicant of 18/02742/FUL)

118/18 Public Participation Time

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

119/18 Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 15th August 2018

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

RESOLVED

- a) That the Minutes of 15th August 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.

120/18 Matters Arising

See Appendix B

121/18 Items referred from other Committees and Working Groups

There were no items referred on this occasion.

122/18 Licences

There were no licenses to consider on this occasion.

123/18 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- (i) Members considered the planning applications for w/c 10th September 2018, see Appendix C.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for the 13th, 20th and 27th August and 3rd September 2018.
- (iii) 18/02895/FUL – Braeside, 8 Cottingvale, Morpeth, NE61 1DW

Members were asked to consider any further comments to the above application. The Deputy Clerk read out comments received by members of the public who object to this application and who also request the support of the Town Council in their objections.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To submit the following comment to Northumberland County Council (NCC) Planning –

Morpeth Town Council supports the neighbouring comments in relation to overlooking and loss of privacy. Does the planning application include a change of use for part of the garage extension to be used as an office?

(iv) 18/02071/FUL – Low Wood Pottery Bank, Morpeth, NE61 1SH

Members were provided for information with the NCC chairs referral list to the above application.

Cllr Best advised that the application has now been granted permission.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

(v) 18/02708/ADE – Unit 2, Caldburne Drive, Collingwood Manor, Morpeth

Members were provided for information with the NCC chairs referral list to the above application.

Cllr Best advised that the application has now been granted permission.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

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Morpeth Parking Direction Signage

Members were provided for information with NCC’s proposals for improvements to the direction signage to Morpeth car parks. The Deputy Clerk advised members that the changes were due to be implemented in the autumn of 2018.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

- b) To defer the matter to the next meeting of the Planning and Transport committee.
- c) To recirculate the proposals to all councillors for further consideration.

125/18 **Road Closures**

There were no road closures to consider on this occasion.

126/18 **Morpeth Forum**

Cllr Best advised members that the last meeting of the Morpeth Forum was held on Monday 17th September 2018, and confirmed the following points –

- The Storey Park Community Centre asset transfer has been agreed in principle, however any funding is yet to be agreed;
- The new head of Active Northumberland is currently producing a report for cabinet;
- Work has commenced on the Queens Head, the target date for completion is March 2019;
- A further consultation was due to take place in November however, this may be put back to January 2019.

Members enquired as to whether there has been any further development following the car parking feasibility study, in particular to parking at Morpeth Railway Station and Station Cottages. Cllr Gebhard believed that all ideas for improvements had been exhausted. Cllr Best suggested adding this to an item on the next agenda of this committee for further consideration.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To ask the Chair of the Planning and Transport committee if the item should be considered at the next meeting of this committee.

127/18 **Local Council Issues**

There were no issues raised on this occasion.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7.05pm with Councillors N Best, A Byard, J Gebhard, D Herne and J Parreira present.

120/18 Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

| Minute Number | Item | Current Position | Action from meeting |
|---------------|--|--|---|
| 88/18 (66/18) | Northumberland Local Plan – Spring 2018 Consultation | <p>Members were provided with a response from NCC to questions raised regarding the Loansdean/Stobhill Link Road and the site West of Lancaster Park.</p> <p>1. Link Road The proposal in the Draft Local Plan is to safeguard land associated with the Stobhill-Loansdean link road. The purpose of this is essentially to ensure that proposals for other developments that could impact on the line of this potential route and therefore impact on the ability for this to be constructed sometime in the future.</p> <p>I am not aware of proposals at the moment to fund and construct this road but I have copied my colleague Stuart McNaughton into this email who may be able to advise further on the status of this scheme and the next steps.</p> <p>2. Site west of Lancaster Park This site currently has planning permission for a mix of employment uses, housing and open space. The area of the site that has planning permission for housing development is shown on the Policies Map that accompanies the Local Plan for information only and is not an allocation in the Local Plan for housing. The Draft Local Plan does, however, allocate the area of land that has planning permission for employment uses.</p> <p>If the planning permission is not implemented, the area with planning permission for housing would revert to being safeguarded land in the Local Plan (it is not within the area of proposed Green</p> | <p>Information duly noted.</p> <p>To chase NCC officer, Mr McNaughton, for further information.</p> |

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| | | <p>Belt and is outside the settlement boundary for Morpeth identified in the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan). This means it is not allocated for development in the Local Plan but could be considered for development beyond the period covered by the current plan or at a time when the Local Plan is reviewed. The employment allocation would remain in the Local Plan if the application were not implemented as it is proposed to be an allocation. It is also worth mentioning that the southern part of the planning application site included areas of open space with public access and it is proposed that this area is designated as Green Belt in the Draft Local Plan.</p> | |
| 92/18 | Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan Housing Policy | <p>The Deputy Clerk advised members that NCC have responded to the concerns raised regarding the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) and in particular its housing policies continue to carry full weight in planning decisions, in light of recent press coverage. NCC confirmed that their position is that the housing policies within the NHP should be given full weight and it is evident from Chapter 7 of the NHP that a range of evidence sources were used to define a minimum number of houses to be delivered in the Morpeth area. It was suggested by NCC that they meet with councillors to discuss any issues or concerns regarding this matter.</p> | <p>Information duly noted.</p> <p>To arrange a date for a pre-meeting prior to the next appropriate P&T meeting.</p> |
| 93/18 | Consultation on Street Naming and Numbering | <p>Members were advised that following discussion between NCC and the developers of 94 Newgate Street, the name for the development will be Northumberland Gardens, and not Scholars Court as suggested by this committee.</p> | <p>Information duly noted.</p> |
| 99/18 | Local Council Issues – For Sale Signs | <p>Members were advised that following concerns raised regarding the number of For Sale signs on the highway, particularly in the Kylins area, NCC have contacted the relevant estate agents and the signs have been removed. Estate agents do not need to apply for permission to display for sale signs, providing the sign displayed is on the land which is being advertised as for sale or let.</p> | <p>Information duly noted.</p> |

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Appendix C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 10th September 2018

| PLANNING REF | NAME & LOCATION | PROPOSAL | MTC RESPONSE | MIN NO | NCC DECISION |
|--------------|--|---|--|--------|--------------|
| 18/03091/FUL | Mr & Mrs Rickard 4 Windmill Way, Kensington Court, Morpeth, NE61 1XQ | Extension to create En-Suite to Bedroom. | Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application. | | |
| 18/03155/FUL | Mr & Mrs Gordon Mocket Loansdean Hill Farm, Morpeth, NE61 2DT | Additional dormer window to East elevation and amend gable treatment to West elevation to increase glazed area. | Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application. | | |
| 18/02742/FUL | Ms Carole Wardrope 2 High Stobhill, Stobhill Grange, Morpeth, NE61 2TT | Construction of new dwelling. | Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application. | | |
| 18/03166/FUL | Mr Geoff Lough 66 Fourth Avenue, Stobhill Gate, Morpeth, NE61 2HL | Construction of double garage. | Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application. | | |
| 18/03133/FUL | Mr Graham Eilwood 6 Market Place, Morpeth, NE61 1HG | Recolouring of existing shopfront. | Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application. | | |
| 18/03134/ADE | Mr Graham Eilwood 6 Market Place, Morpeth, NE61 1HG | Advertising consent for new fascia sign. | Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application. | | |

SIGNED: 

DATE: 17/10/18

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