

**Morpeth Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 6:30pm**  
**in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	N Best A Byard A Tebbutt (arriving at 6:39pm) J Wearmouth	- Chair
	<b>Clerks:</b>	Mrs J Wilson Miss K Carter	- Deputy Clerk - Democratic Services Assistant
	<b>Absent Councillors:</b>	J Gebhard J Parreira J Tebbutt N Bawn	- Business - Personal - Illness - No apologies received

The meeting commenced at 6:38pm.

**Open Session**

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

**268/19**      **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.

**269/19**      **Mayoral Announcements**

- The Mayor and two teams of volunteers took part in the Lions' Swimathon on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2020. One team completed 99 lengths and the other completed 101 lengths.
- Cllr Tebbutt is organising a Royal Fusiliers concert at Kind Edwards VI High School on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 6pm. The TA band and KEVI Steelpan band will be performing. Ticket are £8 each, £5 for under 16's, available from the Town Hall. Proceeds will go to the Mayor's charity and SSAFA.
- A meal will be held at Lollo Rosso on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Tickets are £20 each from the Town Hall. Proceeds will go to the Mayor's charity.
- The Easter Oranges annual event will take place at Carlisle Park, Morpeth on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 11am.
- There will be a VE Day celebration taking place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020 in the Town Hall. The Mayor asked for Councillors to volunteer to help at the event on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Cllr A Tebbutt arrived at 6:39pm.

**270/19**      **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

**271/19**      **Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

The minutes of the above meetings were approved as a true record.

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved including the amendment and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

**272/19**      **Matters Arising**

See Appendix B.

**273/19**      **Licenses**

The following license applications were received and circulated to all members for consideration:

- (i) Newgate News, 11 Newgate Street, Morpeth, NE61 1AL
- (ii) Wm Morrison Supermarkets Plc, Morrisons, Dark Lane, Morpeth, NE61 1ST

No comments were received for either application.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

**274/19**      **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, see Appendix C.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> February, w/c 10<sup>th</sup> February, and w/c 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020.
- (iii) 19/04235/CCD – Car Park on Former Library Site, Gas House Lane, Low Stanners, Morpeth

Members were advised that a site visit for the above application was carried out on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020.

Cllr Best informed members that he and Cllr A Tebbutt had attended the site visit and found it extremely useful. He also advised members that the application had been removed from the Local Area Council meeting agenda on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 due to the Environment Agency withdrawing their comments.

**RESOLVED**

a) Information duly noted.

(iv) 19/04659/FUL – High House, High House Road, Morpeth, NE61 2YU

Members were provided for information with comments submitted to the above application.

**RESOLVED**

a) Information duly noted.

(v) 19/03940/CCD - Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Loansdean, Morpeth, NE61 2EF

Members were advised that the above application was heard at Local Area Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020. No decision has been received to date.

**RESOLVED**

a) Information duly noted.

(vi) 20/00319/BT - PCO PCO1 Grange Road, Morpeth, NE61 2UF

Members were asked to consider any comments they may have to the above application.

Members had no comments to this application.

**RESOLVED**

a) Information duly noted.

(vii) 19/03146/FUL – The Joiners Arms, Wansbeck Street, Morpeth, NE61 1XZ

Members were advised that the above application has been granted planning permission.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

**275/19**      **Items Referred from Other Committees and Working Groups**

**Finance & General Purposes**

**i. Local Council Issues**

Members were asked to consider the suggestions submitted for further improvements to highways in Morpeth, see appendix A.

Members agreed to endorse the suggestions received, with the addition of improvement works to the entrance to Green Lane and Collingwood School.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To submit the suggestions plus the additional comments to Northumberland County Council (NCC) Highways Department.

**276/19**      **Public Spaces Protection Orders**

Members were asked to consider any comments they may have to the above consultation.

Cllr Best suggested that the information supplied was not sufficient enough as it did not detail when the Orders had been used within the last three years, or the specific locations that would be effected. He advised that the police should be contacted for more information and that Cllr Hogg be emailed as she may be aware of any incidents.

Cllr A Tebbutt agreed that the Order should be extended and only adds to the recently installed CCTV throughout the town.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To support the Order but supply a supplementary comment once responses had been received from the police and Cllr Hogg.

**277/19**      **Road Closures**

Members no road closure to consider on this occasion.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

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**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 7:13pm with Councillors N Best, A Byard, A Tebbutt and J Wearmouth present.

## **272/19 - Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B**

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Action from meeting</b>
218/19	19/04025/FUL – Northgate Hospital, Northgate, Morpeth, NE61 3BP	Members were advised that this application is still awaiting decision.	Information duly noted.
240/19 (231/19)	Strategic County Councillor Updates – s106	<p>Members were advised that no response has been received from Northumberland County Council (NCC) regarding s106 protocol and contribution for improvements to the path leading from Beggar Lane to Cottingwood Lane.</p> <p>The Deputy Clerk advised members that she has emailed NCC several times and received no response. Cllr Best suggested that County Cllr D Bawn be contacted for an update.</p>	<p>Information duly noted.</p> <p>To contact County Cllr D Bawn to request a response.</p>

## 274/19 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 – APPENDIX C

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
19/04518/FUL	Mrs D Flint Morpeth Chantry Middle School, Mitford Road, Morpeth, NE61 1RQ	Renovation of MUGA surface and installation of MUGA lighting (further information submitted 16/01/2020, 06/02/2020 and 10/02/2020).	Morpeth Town Council maintain our objections as the additional information provided is unclear and does not appear to address our concerns, however if the Planning Officer is confident the additional information is sufficient then we are happy to withdraw our objections.		
20/00464/FUL	Tracey Bell East Tennis Courts, Carlisle Park, Castle Bank, Morpeth	Construction of a multi-use games area.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
19/01362/REM	Mr Samuel Kenny Land West of Lancaster Park, Pinewood Drive, Lancaster Park, Morpeth	Reserved Matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for proposed 150 dwellings (use class C3) including 30% affordable housing, pursuant to approved outline planning application 16/00078/OUT.	<p>Morpeth Town Council's previous objections still stand with the additional points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We note the County Ecologist's request for updated species surveys given the considerable age of the surveys that were submitted in support of the Outline planning application.</li> <li>• We agree that these surveys are out of date and, as such, the presence and extent of these species is unknown. Therefore, the potential impact on these species cannot be established and the site layout cannot be finalised, including tree and hedgerow retention.</li> <li>• It would clearly be unacceptable for the Council to grant permission to a development without a proper impact assessment. Therefore, these surveys must be completed and the impact assessment updated before the Council can determine the application.</li> <li>• As observed in our original response to this application, it is inappropriate to bring forward the different elements (housing, TRSA and Country Park) in isolation. They were approved at the outline stage on the basis that they were linked, with</li> </ul>		

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			<p>impacts from one offset against the other, and features of the elements being interlinked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This point has been made abundantly clear by the consultee responses to the application, which raise concerns around the inconsistency of the plans with the approved landscape, highways, footpaths, cycleways and emergency access route plans for the entire site.</li> <li>• We therefore wish to reiterate that reserved matters for the entire site should be brought forward as one application to avoid potential conflicts.</li> <li>• We note that the Lead Local Flood Authority maintains their objection, which we fully support.</li> <li>• We would also like some clarity on the Section 106 position and confirmation as to whether Persimmon Homes (North East), as applicant, will be taking on responsibility for the relevant aspects (including education funding provision).</li> <li>• We also note that the education provision, at £1,333 per dwelling, was agreed before the County Council realised it had made errors in its school place provision calculations. It addressed this and for subsequent applications requested £6,674 per dwelling (e.g. 16/02336/FUL amongst others). With the passage of time we believe it would be appropriate to re-open the Section 106 agreement and update it with current policy, which we are sure the applicant (now Persimmon Homes) would support.</li> </ul>		



**Additional Requests for Highway Improvements**

Resurface the A192 from Stobhill roundabout to Mafekin roundabout

Repaint the Telford bridge roundabout markings

Resurface the lower section, northbound on Whorral Bank

Resurface the entrance to Green Lane

Resurface the entrance to Collingwood School

Resurface the footpath on the Deuchar Park side of the A197  
Churchburn Drive – Resurface the bottom end of Churchburn Drive (i.e. adjacent to the A197). Also, the footpaths in Churchburn require attention.

The rest of Old Loansdean (i.e. The Avenue, Middlegate, Crossway & The Crescent) roadworks and footpath works required.

New Loansdean: The Fairway was resurfaced recently and seems fine. The remaining roads in New Loansdean are tired, particularly Long Drive. The footpaths in The Turn, Long Drive & The Chip – consider changing to tarmac paths.

St Mary's Field (main part past Storey Park) & Spelvit Lane footpaths require resurfacing. The top end of Spelvit Lane where it leads into Swansfield – never resurfaced when the rest of Spelvit Lane was done a few years ago, now heavily patched, should be resurfaced.

Resurfacing of Marden Close & Gorseway

Abbey Meadows needs a significant amount of attention, even though it isn't that long since it was completely resurfaced.

The Kylins. The bottom end of The Kylins main street has 3 major patches where the tarmac has been removed. The large patch outside No's 43/44,

The footpath on the south side of the main Kylins road which has been heavily damaged by lorries illegally parking on it, causing major damage.

One final observation. With the recent heavy rain, I have noted continuing flooding in Spelvit Lane, opposite No's 3 to 6. I thought Highways were supposed to have solved that problem – they haven't!!

The entrance to The Kylins from the A197 has been made fairly narrow for some reason. There is now a potential problem being caused by cars parking, sometimes three at a time, on the initial part of the road between the A197 and the entrance to Loansdean Wood. They may be parking there after dropping off children at Goosehill and getting the bus into Newcastle. Whatever their reason, it means that, if cars are exiting The Kylins and have priority, then cars entering The Kylins cannot pass the parked cars and could back up onto the A197. Can we have double yellow lines there?