

**Morpeth Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 6:30pm**  
**in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	N Best	- Chair
		N Bawn	
		A Byard	
		J Parreira	
		A Tebbutt	
<b>Clerks:</b>	Mrs J Wilson	- Deputy Clerk	
	Miss K Carter	- Democratic Services Assistant	
	Miss C Rowell	- Administration Assistant	
<b>Absent Councillors:</b>	J Gebhard	- Personal	
	J Tebbutt	- Illness	
	J Wearmouth	- Holiday	

One member of the public was also in attendance.

**102/19**      **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.

**103/19**      **Mayoral Announcements**

- The Annual Meet the Mayor event will take place on Thursday 19th September 2019 2-4pm, in conjunction with Heritage Open Days, in Morpeth Town Hall. Cllrs Byard and D Bawn will both be in attendance.
- The Mayor's Ball will take place on Saturday 14th December 2019. Tickets are now on sale for £30 each and are selling fast.
- Councillors are encouraged to volunteer for the Community Resilience refresher session at the dam in Mitford.
- The Mayor completed the Great North Run in two hours and forty-eight minutes, and has raised almost £2,000 for her charity.
- Councillors are informed that former Mayor, Phil Taylor, has sadly passed away. His funeral takes place Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019, 1:45pm at Blyth Crematorium.

**104/19**      **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

**105/19**      **Public Participation Time**

Paul Sellers addressed Councillors to enquire how to check the progress of a planning application.

Cllr Best informed him that he could access the information that he required through the Northumberland County Council (NCC) Planning Portal. The Deputy Clerk suggested that Mr Sellers email her if he is struggling to access the portal.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

**106/19**      **Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

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

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> August 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.

**107/19**      **Matters Arising**

See Appendix B.

**108/19**      **Licenses**

There were no license applications to consider on this occasion.

**109/19**      **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 and requested planning applications from w/c 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019, see Appendix C.

Cllr A Tebbutt informed members that Cllr J Tebbutt had experienced difficulties while trying to access the planning application for 20 Southgate Wood.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.
  - b) To contact NCC to ask them to make the information on the Planning Portal more readily accessible.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for w/c 12<sup>th</sup> August, w/c 19<sup>th</sup> August and w/c 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

(iii) 17/04414/FUL – Land North East of Pegswood First School, Butchers Lane, Pegswood

Members were advised that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Northumberland County Council on the grounds of Appeal against refusal.

**RESOLVED**

a) Information duly noted.

(iv) 19/01632/COU – Harry's Coffee Bar, 20 Newgate Street, Morpeth

Members were advised that the above application is due to be heard at Local Area Council on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**RESOLVED**

a) Information duly noted.

**110/19**

**Local Transport Plan Programme 2020-21**

Members were asked to consider their top three highways and transport priority issues for 2020-21.

A discussion took place and members decided to submit priorities in three categories:

Footpath - The need for safer routes for schools

Footpath improvements on Green Lane

Extend footpath in to Fulbeck

Footpath improvements through the woods from Lancaster Park to both Newminster and Chantry Middle Schools

Footpath improvements from paving to tarmac around Kirkhill estate

Surface -

Resurface the offshoots at Bankside

Resurface Coopies Haugh

Resurface Green Lane

Speed -

Consult on the introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Kirkhill

Relocation of the 30mph sign at Whalton Road/A197 junction to set it further along the road

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To submit the top three highways and transport priority issues for 2020-21.

**111/19 Northumberland Local Plan Examination Hearing**

Members were provided for information with the response to the Northumberland Local Plan consultation.

Cllr Best informed members that part one of the hearing will take place the second, fourth and fifth weeks in October 2019 to discuss strategic policies. Part two takes place in January/February 2020.

Cllr Tebbutt proposed that a representative from Morpeth Town Council attend the hearing to address some issues that had been left out of the Local Plan: Coopies Lane to be allocated to the construction of the Stobhill/Loansdean link road, and the land West of Lancaster Park, so that it is not available for housing development.

Cllr Tebbutt will write a report but may be unable to attend. In his absence either Cllr Byard or Cllr J Wearmouth, if he is available, will speak at the hearing.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) Cllrs Tebbutt, Byard or J Wearmouth to represent Morpeth Town Council at the Northumberland Local Plan Examination Hearing.

**112/19 Road Closures**

Members were advised of the following road closures:

1. U6109 Castle Meadows, Morpeth
2. U6010 Fulbeck, Morpeth

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

**113/19 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 7:03pm with Councillors N Best, N Bawn, A Byard, J Parreira and A Tebbutt present.

## **107/19 - Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B**

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Action from meeting</b>
87/19b	16/04486/FUL – Land North of the Garth, Pottery Bank, Morpeth	<p>Members were provided for information with a response from Persimmon Homes to the new guidance issued by the Planning Inspectorate in relation to this application.</p> <p>Members were also advised that NCC Planning Services had no further comment.</p> <p>Clr Best informed members that the above application had been granted planning permission by the Planning Inspectorate. It was granted based on three factors, the development is in line with the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan (MNP), it does not impact the environment or access to the town, and it does not impact on the amenities of the residents of Pottery Bank. The inspector also believed that a distance of fifteen metres from the woods and eighteen metres from Pottery Bank was adequate.</p> <p>Clr Tebbutt expressed his extreme disappointment that the Town Council were not informed of the decision.</p>	<p>Information duly noted.</p> <p>To write to the Planning Inspectorate and NCC to express concern that Morpeth Town Council had not been informed of the decision.</p>
82/19(i)	19/02747/FUL – Land North East of Pegswood First School, Butchers Lane, Pegswood	<p>Members were provided for information with comments submitted to the above application by both Pegswood Parish Council and Morpeth Town Council.</p> <p>Clr Best informed members that this application has now gone to appeal.</p>	Information duly noted.

## APPENDIX C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
19/01856/FUL	<b>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Gebhard from planning list w/c 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</b> Mr P Spruce Black Bull Hotel, 47 Bridge Street, Morpeth, NE61 1PE	Front elevation Re-render/decorate, new/replacement lighting, 2no. new windows to the rear, new sliding barn door gate to the rear, 2no. new timber pergolas to the rear and use of rear outbuilding as bar ancillary to main premises (Amended description 28/06/2019).	Morpeth Town Council agree to withdraw objections providing that reassurances can be given that the ground floor of the building will be painted off-white rather than black.		
19/01857/LBC	<b>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Gebhard from planning list w/c 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</b> Mr P Spruce Black Bull Hotel, 47 Bridge Street, Morpeth, NE61 1PE	Listed Building Consent: Front elevation Re-render/decorate, new/replacement lighting, 2no. new windows to the rear, new sliding barn door gate to the rear and 2no. new timber pergolas to the rear (Amended description 25/06/2019).	Morpeth Town Council agree to withdraw objections providing that reassurances can be given that the ground floor of the building will be painted off-white rather than black.		
19/02048/ADE	<b>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Gebhard from planning list w/c 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</b> Mr Tyldesley Black Bull Hotel, 47 Bridge Street, Morpeth, NE61 1PE	Advertisement Consent: Installation of replacement illuminated and non illuminated signs to the exterior of the building.	Morpeth Town Council agree to withdraw objections providing that reassurances can be given that the ground floor of the building will be painted off-white rather than black.		Application Granted
19/02132/LBC	<b>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Gebhard from planning list w/c 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019.</b> Mr Tyldesley Black Bull Hotel, 47 Bridge Street, Morpeth, NE61 1PE	Listed Building Consent to install replacement illuminated and non illuminated signs, repaint the exterior and erect sign to rear of premises.	Morpeth Town Council agree to withdraw objections providing that reassurances can be given that the ground floor of the building will be painted off-white rather than black.		
19/03644/FUL	Mr James Sweet 5 Wansdyke, Lancaster Park, Morpeth, NE61 3RL	Proposed amendment to approval 18/01387/FUL being two storey extension to rear for sun room / kitchen with 2No bedrooms & en	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Granted

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
		suite over and link to garage with utility to rear.			
19/03469/FUL	Mr & Mrs Armstrong 22 Emily Davison Avenue, Springhill, Morpeth, NE61 2PL	Two storey front extension and single storey rear extension.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Granted
19/03459/FELTPO	Mr Mark Wiseman 20 Southgate Wood, Morpeth, NE61 2EN	Tree Preservation Order Application : T1 Cpper Beech and T2 Horse Chestnut (both trees 30% crown reduction from 45m to 30m.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Granted
19/03626/FUL	Mrs Catherine Ambrose 45 Lindisfarne Lane, Stobhill Grange, Morpeth, NE61 2UJ	Proposed first floor bedroom over existing garage & rear ground floor sun-lounge extension.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Granted
19/03532/FUL	MKM Building Supplies, 2 - 3 Stanners Complex, Coopies Way, Morpeth, NE61 6JT	Introduction of a new glazed shopfront with double power assisted doors. Construction of ramped access to new shopfront.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Granted
19/03670/FUL	Mrs Chris Stocks Four Winds, Hepscott, Morpeth, NE61 6LH	Demolition of existing bungalow "Fourwinds" to create 2 private dwellings, retaining existing access and internal driveway together with retention of all trees and hedges to external boundaries.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
19/03711/FELTPO	Andrew Craig Tall Trees, Gubeon Wood, Tranwell Woods, NE61 6BH	Tree preservation order : 1 - Willow (remove due to storm damage) and T2 - Birch (remove to damaged limbs and lean towards power lines).	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		