

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 12th December 2018 at 6.30pm
in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth

Present:	Councillors:	J Wearmouth	- Chairman
		N Best	- Vice Chairman
		A Byard	
		D Herne (arriving at 6.38pm)	
		A Tebbutt	
		J Tebbutt	
	Clerks:	Miss D Smith	- Deputy Clerk
		Mrs J Wilson	- Office Manager
		Ms A Cole	- Administration Assistant
	Absent Councillors:	J Gebhard	- Mayor(ex-officio) Business
		J Parreira	- Personal
		K Holmes	- No Apologies Received
		N Bawn	- No Apologies Received

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

217/18 **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.

218/18 **Mayoral Announcements**

- Members were advised that the Town Council offices will close at 4:30pm on Friday 21st December 2018, and reopen at 9am on Wednesday 2nd January 2019
- The New Year will be brought in by the ringing of the bells at the Clock Tower.

219/18 **Declarations of Interest**

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

Cllr Nic Best – Consultation over Recovery of Costs for Provision of Traffic Management and other services to event organisers – (Personal and Prejudicial) – Contractor for Chamber of Trade.

220/18

Public Participation Time

One member of the public, addressed the committee regarding concerns to a planning application at 69 Pinewood Drive, Lancaster Park, Morpeth NE61 3ST including:

- Overbearing dominating and privacy issues to neighbouring properties;
- Adverse impact to the dwelling to the North;
- Daylight issues in all seasons;
- Adverse effect on character and appearance on the estate;
- If replicated over the whole estate, there would be a negative future impact.

Members unanimously agreed to bring forward item 9 (ii) w/c 26th November **18/03205/FUL – 69 Pinewood Drive, Lancaster Park, Morpeth**

Cllr Best advised that the proposed extension does not conform to the specified Des1 policy in the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan, and also that the application may set a precedence for a terracing effect.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) Morpeth Town Council (MTC) to support the resident's objections to this application. See Appendix C

Member of the public, left at 6.45pm.

Cllr Herne arrived at 6.38pm.

221/18

Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 14th November 2018

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

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of 14th November 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.

222/18

Matters Arising

See Appendix B

223/18 **Licenses**

There were no license applications to consider on this occasion.

224/18 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members considered the planning applications for w/c 3rd December 2018, and those requested to be brought to committee from previously circulated planning lists (19th November). See Appendix C.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for w/c 12th November, 19th November, and 26th November.
- (iii) 18/03347/LBC – Morpeth Castle, Castle Walk, Morpeth NE61 2PP

Members were advised that this application had been withdrawn at the applicant's request.

Cllr J Wearmouth advised that a new application had been submitted which was considered on planning list w/c 19th November 2018.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
 - b) Resubmit previous comments to the new planning application 18/03967/FUL.
- (iv) 18/03650/OUT - St Georges Park Hospital Drive, from Cottingwood Lane to St Georges Hospital, Morpeth NE61 2NU

Members were advised that an email had been received from Northumberland County Council (NCC) regarding sports and play requirements at St George's, Morpeth. The Clerk has asked for confirmation, via NCC, from the developer as to whether they will be providing play equipment, and if so who will be maintaining it. If they pass it to MTC to manage, a dowry would be required and involvement of the initial selecting of the play equipment by MTC would be requested.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) Clerk will report back any developments to Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

225/18

Consultation on Car Parking Charges at Selected Coastal and Railway Car Parks

Members considered the above consultation regarding the proposed car park charges.

Cllr A Tebbutt suggested sharing SENRUG's comments with both NALC and neighbouring parishes for consideration when responding to the consultation.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) Members agreed to support the comments from SENRUG. The following response to be submitted:

Morpeth Town Council fully endorse the comments submitted by SENRUG, in particular to the reduction in charges to £1 per day. We would also request that the permit charges are more proportionate as the proposals discriminate against those on a lower income. The 72 hours parking limit is not enforced as cars are staying for longer, taking up much needed spaces. Although the new parking spaces are welcomed, it does not meet the full requirements following confirmation of increased services to Morpeth, a lack of parking spaces will deter commuters using the station and as a result, providers will then reduce the services. The proposals conflict with the existing transport and rail policies of Northumberland County Council and other organisations.

- c) To ask permission from SENRUG to circulate their draft response to NALC and adjoining parishes.
- d) Cllr A Tebbutt to attend the NALC meeting on 19th January 2018 to discuss these proposals.

226/18

Parking Restrictions and Resident Parking Zone Cottingwood Lane Area, Morpeth

Members were provided for information with details of the new parking restrictions in Cottingwood Lane, Morpeth.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

227/18

Consultation over Recovery of Costs for Provision of Traffic Management and Other Services to Event Organisers

Members considered the above consultation regarding charges for events.

Cllr Best raised concerns that a £500 charge per road closure was excessive, particularly for Fair Day which has five road closures for the one day event.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To ask NCC that consideration be given to cap the charge at £500 per event and ask for a breakdown as to how the charges are arrived at.
- c) A copy of the response to be forwarded to County Councillors Beynon, D Bawn and R Wearmouth for information.

Cllr Nic Best declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in this matter, see Min 219/18.

228/18

The Rotary Club of Morpeth

Members were asked to consider the request from the Rotary Club to relocate the Rotary symbol, from Bedlington to Morpeth, as the Bedlington branch was now closed.

It was suggested that the sign be placed on the A197 near the County Hall roundabout. Members also suggested the Arboretum at Deuchar Park.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) Members agreed in principle subject to location and planning requirements.

229/18

Tree Protection Orders (TPO'S)

Members were provided with details of a TPO on the Western Boundary of Old Bakehouse Yard, Morpeth.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

230/18

Road Closures

Members were advised of the following road closures:

1. U6106 – Manchester Street, Morpeth
2. A196 – Stobhill Roundabout to Shadfen, Hepscoth
3. U6109 – Spelvit Lane, Morpeth
4. U6109 - Curly Kews, Morpeth

Members were advised of an amendment for U6106 Manchester Street, the road will now be closed 14th – 18th January 2019.

Cllr Best suggested that the road closures be uploaded to the MTC website and Facebook page.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) To advertise the road closures.

231/18

Local Council Issues

Cllr A Tebbutt agreed to take up the following issues at the next Local Council meeting:

- The lack of responses from NCC officers regarding the weight of the Neighbourhood Plan when considering planning applications and discussions relating to S106 contributions;
- Issues regarding parking at the Railway Station;
- The recovery costs for events/road closures – how are the charges arrived at.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7.45pm with Councillors J Wearmouth, N Best, A Byard, D Herne, A Tebbutt, and J Tebbutt present.

222/18 - Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
183/18 (157/18) (92/18)	Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan Housing Policy (MNP)	Members were advised no response has yet been received from NCC in writing, of reassurances which can be published on our Website, of councillors’ concerns regarding the weight of the MNP when considering applications.	Info duly noted. To continue to chase for a response and email County Councillors D Bawn, Beynon and J Wearmouth to raise concerns regarding lack of response.
183/18 (158/18)	Items referred from F&GP Committee - Community Action Plan- Environment Comprehensive Tree Strategy	Members were advised that no response has been received from NCC to our request for detailed guidance relating to the planting of appropriate trees in the new developments.	Info duly noted. Members agreed to remove from the Agenda.
183/18 (158/18)	Items referred from F&GP Committee - Community Action Plan- Resources – S106 Discussions	Members were advised that no response has been received from NCC to a request made to meet to discuss concerns to their response regarding S106 discussions.	Info duly noted To continue to chase for a response and email County Councillors Bawn, Beynon and J Wearmouth to raise concerns regarding lack of response.
187/18	Train Services in Morpeth	Members were advised that SENRUG comments to both Transpennine Express Timetable consultation and the First Group East Coast Open Access Operation had been circulated to all members. No further comments were received, therefore a response was submitted welcoming the additional services.	Information duly noted.

224/18 - Appendix C PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 3rd December 2018

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
18/03205/FUL	Mr S Dent 69 Pinewood Drive, Lancaster Park, Morpeth, NE61 3ST	Build new extension above dining room to create new bedroom	Morpeth Town Council support the objections raised by the neighbouring properties and object on the grounds of massing, overbearing, loss of light, excessive use of similar materials and detriment to the streetscape. The plans could also set a precedence for a terracing effect. The application is not in keeping with the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan policy Des1, specifically in relation to the ensuring that the development does not cause an unacceptable adverse impact on the amenities of occupiers of existing or proposed nearby properties. If this application were to be approved, we would request a condition be added to stipulate that no further windows are to be added to the property.		Application Granted
18/02742/FUL	Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Byard, from planning list w/c 19th November 2018. Extension granted to 13th December 2018. Ms Carole Wardrope 2 High Stobhill, Stobhill Grange, Morpeth, NE61 2TT	Construction of new one bedroomed dwelling.	Morpeth Town Council support objections raised by the neighbouring properties and note the following - The application is not in keeping with the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan policy Des1, specifically in relation to the character of the building and potential issues regarding parking provision. Morpeth Town Council would also request that the Planning Department take a consistent approach if this application is approved, by adding a condition as per the approved application on this property, 18/00440/FUL- <i>The accommodation contained within shall remain as a permanent ancillary</i>		Application Refused

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
			<i>accommodation to the principle dwelling house at 2 High Stobhill, Morpeth, and shall be occupied only by persons and/or relatives of the same household. There shall be no subdivision of this single residential unit.</i>		
18/03721/FUL	Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Byard, from planning list w/c 19th November 2018. Extension granted to 13th December 2018. Mr Chang Min (Michael) Wang Morpeth Lodge Bed And Breakfast 6 - 8 Staithes Lane, Low Stanners, Morpeth, NE61 1TD	Change of Use from C1 to A5, proposed takeaway in a portion of the ground floor of an existing bed and breakfast. New timber clad shed. (Advertising/signage to front elevation via application 18/04029/ADE).	Morpeth Town Council object to this application subject to the following conditions being met to mitigate any effect on residential amenity - * The business premise opening hours be limited to 11pm; * If the signage is to be illuminated it must be switched off outside of business trading hours; * Appropriate signage is used to direct customers to use the underground car park at Morrisons to park, or to use the private car park at the rear of the building and that this is monitored by enforcement officers to avoid customers parking on yellow lines or in the residential area; * To request that at least two bays in the private car park are reserved for the use of businesses customers		Application Withdrawn
18/04029/ADE	Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Byard, from planning list w/c 19th November 2018. Extension granted to 13th December 2018.	Advertisement consent for fascia sign to front elevation.	As above		Application Granted

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
	Mr Chang Min (Michael) Wang Morpeth Lodge Bed And Breakfast 6 - 8 Staithes Lane, Low Stanners, Morpeth, NE61 1TD				
18/04247/FUL	Mrs Alison Smith 23 Churchburn Drive Loansdean Morpeth Northumberland NE61 2BZ	Proposal for rear extension and internal alterations.	Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.		Application Granted.