

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 13th June 2018 at 6:30pm
in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth

Present:	Councillors:	J Wearmouth	– Chairman
		N Best	– Vice Chairman
		D Herne (arriving at 6:36pm)	
		K Holmes	
	Clerks:	Miss D Smith	– Deputy Clerk
		Mrs J Wilson	– Office Manager
		Miss K Carter	– Administration Assistant
	Absent Councillors:	Cllr J Gebhard (Mayor, ex-officio)	– Holiday
		Cllr N Bawn	– Personal
		Cllr A Byard	– Council Business
		Cllr J Parreira	– Personal
		Cllr A Tebbutt	– Business
		Cllr J Tebbutt	– Personal

One member of the public was also in attendance.

27/18 **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.

28/18 **Mayoral Announcements**

There were no Mayoral announcements on this occasion.

29/18 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest received on this occasion.

30/18 **Public Participation Time**

One Member of the public was in attendance to represent herself and residents residing at Mains Place.

- (i) The member of the public addressed the committee with several concerns regarding the planning application for 55 Newgate Street following other recent developments in that area:
 - During these works residents experienced issues with construction vehicles parking on their land, blocking garages and unloading building materials;
 - Workers have refused to move their vehicles when asked by residents;

- As most residents are retired they did not want to take out an injunction against the builder as the process is costly;
- Police will not intervene with planning issues and parking enforcement officers cannot ticket construction vehicles, skips etc.;
- Works on 55 Newgate Street are due to start imminently, and residents feel the issues will be escalated as this is a partial rebuild as well as renovation works.

Members unanimously agreed to bring forward item 10 (vi) - **18/00282/FUL - 55 Newgate Street**

Cllr Best suggested residents make enquires to social services to see if there is anything they can do to help as there are a number of vulnerable people and their carers are having problems accessing properties. It was also suggested that County Councillors check the conditions of the planning applications to ensure that Northumberland County Council (NCC) are enforcing these.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
 - b) To email the NCC Planning Officer advising of the residents' concerns and request confirmation of any conditions associated with the application in relation to parking and access.
- (ii) The member of the public also raised concerns regarding cars using the private road at Mains Place for turning and waiting.
- She thanked the Town Council for their support in securing the recently installed bollards in the archway leading to Mains Place, and asked if anything could be done to stop the unauthorised use of the road for turning;
 - This puts children who are walking to school at risk;
 - Residents of Mains Place do have a sign at the end of the public road, however, there is no signage on Newgate Street to indicate the road is private and for resident access only.

Members were advised that Cllr D Bawn has emailed residents to advise that land owners would need to provide signage at this location as NCC cannot put a traffic regulation on a private road.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To email NCC Highways to ask if consideration can be given to new signage.

One member of the public left at 6:53pm

31/18 **Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 11th April 2018**

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

RESOLVED

- a) That the Minutes of 9th May 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.

32/18 **Matters Arising**

See Appendix B

33/18 **Items referred from other Committees and Working Groups**

There were no items referred on this occasion.

34/18 **Licences**

There were no licenses to consider on this occasion.

35/18 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members considered the planning applications for w/c 4th June 2018, see Appendix C.
- (ii) Members were provided for information with the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th May 2018.
- (iii) Members were informed that the following applications have been granted planning permission:
- 18/00630/FUL – Playground Carlisle Park, Morpeth
 - 18/00173/ADE – Fulbeck Grange, Fulbeck, Morpeth
 - 16/00994/FULES – Land West of St Georges Hospital, Morpeth

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- (iv) 17/00884/FUL / 17/00885/LBC – 94 Newgate Street, Morpeth

Members were advised that application 17/00885/LBC has been granted permission.

Members were also advised that an appeal against refusal to application 17/00884/FUL has been made. Members were asked to consider a further response to the comments previously made.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) Members agreed there were no further comments to make at this time.

(v) Strategic Planning Committee

The following applications were heard at the Strategic Planning Committee on 5th June 2018:

1. 18/00715/CCD – Former Fire and Rescue Workshop and Outbuildings, Loansdean, Morpeth
2. 17/04652/FUL – Barratt Homes, South Fields, Hepscoth.

In Cllr Byard's absence the Deputy Clerk informed members that the Former Fire and Rescue Workshop and Outbuildings had been approved, and that the South Fields application was minded to approve, subject to a s106 agreement.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

36/18 **Northumberland Local Plan – Spring 2018 Consultation**

Members were provided for information with an email from NCC Planning Strategy regarding the above consultation. Members agreed to defer discussion of this item to the next meeting of this committee.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

37/18 **Residents Permit Parking at Wellwood Gardens**

Members were provided for information with a letter from NCC Highways regarding the above, stating that because not enough people had responded to the consultation, the scheme would not go ahead.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

- b) To inform Cllr D Bawn of concerns regarding lack of awareness of the consultation for both residents and the Town Council.

38/18 **Local Transport Plan 2018/19 Feedback**

Members were provided for information with a letter from NCC Highways stating that one of the priorities submitted by Morpeth Town Council had been included in the 2018/19 Local Transport Plan. A feasibility study regarding off road parking opposite All Saints School will be taking place as part of the programme.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

39/18 **Road Safety Committee – Transport Audit**

Following a request from the 3 Rivers Road Safety Committee, members were asked to consider section 4.6 and 4.6.1 of section 4 – Network and Street Development of the Morpeth Sustainable Travel Audit carried out in 2015.

Of the three areas to be considered members agreed that any works to the Scotch Gill Wood/Davie's Wood was not appropriate as this area is protected in the Neighbourhood Plan. Members also agreed that as the path from Lowford Bridge to High tanners had collapsed the suggestions were currently out of date.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) Members agreed to support the widening of the footway in Lancaster Park.
- c) Cllr Byard to report back to the Road Safety Committee.

40/18 **A1 Morpeth to Felton Scheme Public Consultation**

Members were provided for information with a letter from Highways England regarding the above consultation.

Cllr Wearmouth informed members that a consultation will be taking place on the 21st July 2018 in Morpeth Town Hall.

Members were informed that a launch event will be taking place on the 18th June 2018.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) Cllr Wearmouth to attend the launch event.

41/18

Road Closures

Members were advised of the following road closure:-

- 1. U6114 Bennetts Walk, Morpeth.

Cllr Best also informed members of the following traffic controls/road closures:

- 12th -15th June 2018 – Pottery Bank
- 17th-21st June 2018 – Dark Lane
- 19th-22nd June 2018 – Dacre Street
- 18th-20th June 2018 – Newmarket
- 20th-25th June 2018 – Stobhill Roundabout

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

42/18

Morpeth Forum

Members were advised that the next Morpeth Masterplan consultation will take place on the 6th July 2018, 2-7pm.

Cllr Best informed members that updates will be given on Goosehill School, the car parking review, Terrace car park, the relocation of the library and the refurbishment of County Hall.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

43/18

Local Council Issues

There were no issues on this occasion

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7:33pm with Councillors J Wearmouth, N Best, D Herne and K Holmes present.

32/18 Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
32/18 (473/17) (439/17) (392/17) (369/17) (365/17)	Items referred - F&GP - Area Council Issues	Members were advised that we are still awaiting a response from NCC regarding signage for the A697 Rothbury/Wooler road.	Information duly noted.
32/18 (473/17) (439/17) (369/17) (373/17)	Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan and Housing Figures	Members were advised that a meeting took place on the 6 th June, with NCC officers and adjoining parishes, to discuss density and consideration of an assessment of facilities being carried out in association with new developments. Cllr Wearmouth informed members that density of new developments is a planning matter, however the number of houses has to be considered individually. Cllr Wearmouth also informed members that the new Local Plan will strengthen applications for s106. They now also have formulas to calculate the facilities that need to be provided; schools etc.	Information duly noted.
32/18 (473/17) (439/17) (396/17) (364/17)	T1 Bus Service	The Deputy Clerk gave an update in Cllr Byard's absence. Peter Cowell from PLC Travel has advised that there is no need for a trial run and that the service will now start running. The bus will run past Stobhillgate play area.	Information duly noted. To be deferred to the next meeting of this committee.
32/18 (476/17)	Town and Country Planning Act 1990 - 17/04652/FUL - Barratt Homes, South Fields, Hepscott	Members were advised that there has been no response to our request for an update on the S278 agreements and a request for engagement with the relevant Town and Parish Councils on S106 contributions.	Information duly noted
32/18 (477/17)	Northumberland Local Plan Northumberland Local Plan continued	Members were advised that a meeting took place on the 6 th June 2018 with NCC officers and adjoining parishes, to discuss the Green Belt inset boundary. Cllr Wearmouth advised that proposed Green Belt boundaries were discussed in relation to the settlement boundaries that are currently in effect via the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan.	Information duly noted. A copy of the report to be circulated to all Cllrs.

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
		A report from the meeting was circulated to all members present. Members were also informed that the next Local Plan consultation event will take place on the 4 th July 2018, running for six weeks.	

Appendix C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 4th June 2018

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
18/01905/FUL	Mr Vincenzo Mazzocchio ATM Santander, 17 Market Place, Morpeth, NE61 1HG	Relocation of existing ATM with new red dotted vinyl (RAL 3020) with white/red gradient applied internally around external ATM to the inside of the glazing; installation of a new stainless steel post box; spraying of existing doors to shopfront in grey (RAL 9006); cleaning of access doors to other tenant and replacement of the frosted manifestation on a like for like basis; replacement of the glazed panels to shopfront; replacement of the external signage on a like for like basis showing the new Santander branding.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application		Application Granted
18/01906/ADE	Mr Vincenzo Mazzocchio ATM Santander, 17 Market Place, Morpeth, NE61 1HG	Advertisement consent for internal installation of 1x 46" (Portrait) TV screen, in a metal housing fixed to the floor, depicting various Santander Advertisements/promotions.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application		Application Granted
18/01909/LBC	Mr Mark Siddall Lansdown House, 90 Newgate Street, Morpeth, NE61 1BU	Listed building consent to repair/replace gypsum plaster on dining room wall, build lean to green house within garden boundary, replace kitchen and utility room flooring and fit multifuel stove within first floor lounge.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application		Application Granted
18/01900/FUL	Mr David Jenkinson Warwick House, Tranwell, NE61 6AF	Proposed erection of ancillary garden building.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application		Application Granted
18/01973/LBC	Mr James Goodall Morpeth Railway Station, Coopies Lane, Morpeth, NE61 2SL	Listed building consent for installing a new waiting shelter on platform 2.	Morpeth Town Council support this application subject to the information available at this time		Application Withdrawn