

**Morpeth Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6:30pm**  
**in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Councillors:</b>	N Best A Byard D Herne	- Vice Chairman
	<b>Clerks:</b>	Mrs J Wilson Miss K Carter Ms A Cole	- Deputy Clerk - Democratic Services Assistant - Administration Assistant
	<b>Absent Councillors:</b>	N Bawn J Gebhard K Holmes J Parreira A Tebbutt J Tebbutt J Wearmouth	- Business - Business - Personal - Business - Personal - Personal - Holiday

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

The meeting commenced at 6:34pm.

**305/18**      **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.

**306/18**      **Mayoral Announcements**

- A meal at Lollo Rosso in Morpeth will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to raise money for the Mayor's charity.
- The Annual Assembly and Civic Awards presentation will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 6pm in the Corn Exchange in the Town Hall.
- The Easter Oranges annual event will take place at Carlisle Park, Morpeth on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019 at 11am.

Cllr Best informed members that the next Morpeth Forum drop in session takes place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 10am – 3pm.

Cllr Byard informed members that the Lions' Swimathon took place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019, a final amount raised has not yet been confirmed.

**307/18**      **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

**308/18**      **Public Participation Time**

There were no members of the public present on this occasion.

**309/18**      **Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

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

**RESOLVED**

- a) That the minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> February 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.

**310/18**      **Matters Arising**

See Appendix B.

**311/18**      **Licenses**

There were no license applications to consider on this occasion.

**312/18**      **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 see Appendix C.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for w/c 18<sup>th</sup> February and w/c 25<sup>th</sup> February.
- (iii) 18/04456/FUL – 94 Newgate Street, Morpeth, NE61 1BU

The Deputy Clerk advised members that the above application is for a reconfiguration of a previously approved bungalow, not an additional bungalow as discussed on 20<sup>th</sup> February. Members agreed that as this application is not for an additional unit, no further comment was required.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

**313/18**      **Conservation Area Appraisal**

Cllr Best informed members that the Conservation Area Working Group made recommendations to Finance & General Purposes (F&GP) committee following a review of the five proposals received to carry out an appraisal of the Conservation Area in Morpeth. F&GP approved the recommendation

and the Working Group are now arranging a date for the inception meeting with the successful consultant.

Cllr Best confirmed that the Working Group will consist of himself, Cllrs Byard and J Tebbutt and the Deputy Clerk. The Working Group will have delegated powers to liaise with the consultant and manage the project, reporting to this committee as appropriate.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

**314/18 Parking Restrictions on Coopies Haugh Consultation**

Members were asked to consider a response to the above consultation

Cllr Byard raised concerns that the yellow lines were not on both sides of the road. Cllr Herne suggested that the yellow lines be on the opposite side due to the nature of some vehicles using the area. Cllr Best advised that an element of roadside parking would be required so that was possibly the reason it is only proposed on one side.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To support the proposal, suggesting that the restrictions are on the opposite side of the road, and request confirmation that a full consultation has been carried out with businesses in the area.

**315/18 Proposed 20mph Speed Limit – Mitford Road**

Members were asked to consider a response to the above proposals.

Cllr Byard informed members that she had attended a Three Rivers Schools Road Safety committee meeting last week, where by this had been discussed although no formal response has been submitted.

Members discussed the options available in detail. Cllr Herne also suggested the use of light up speed signs during school hours only rather than a permanent speed limit.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted.

- b) To support the proposal of a 20mph speed limit on Mitford Road with the inclusion of rumble strips, providing residents are in agreement.

**316/18**      **Road Closures**

Members were advised of the following road closures:

- 1. C149 – Tranwell Woods Junction to Mitford Junction.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Information duly noted

**317/18**      **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 7:14pm with Councillors N Best, A Byard and D Herne present.

### **Min 310/18 Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B**

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Action from meeting</b>
288/18	Northumberland Local Plan – Publication Draft Plan Consultation	Members were provided for information with the response submitted to the consultation.  Cllr Best informed members that the deadline for comments was today and that the Town Council's comments had been submitted.	Information duly noted.
289/18	NCC Planning Procedures	Members were provided for information with a response from NCC to concerns raised regarding current planning procedures. NCC commented that their terms of reference are contradictory and will now address these issues. The response suggests that if a Town Council have a strong wish for an application to be brought to Local Area Council it will be considered.	Information duly noted.  Email response to Cllr A Tebbutt.

**Min 312/18 Appendix C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
19/00692/FUL	Mr Gary Herron The Old Registry, Northumberland Gardens, Morpeth	Conversion of existing Grade 2 listed building to accommodate 12no. self contained residential apartments.	Morpeth Town Council object to this application subject to confirmation that the roof terrace does not overlook existing or proposed new developments. We would also request clarification from the developer that the Management Office on the ground floor remains as such and does not become an additional dwelling. Also, 94 Newgate Street, as shown on the plans as one dwelling, is not included in the numbering of apartments, is this to avoid the use of number 13 or is there another reason?		Application Granted
19/00693/LBC	Mr Gary Herron The Old Registry, Northumberland Gardens, Morpeth	Listed building consent for conversion of existing Grade 2 listed building to accommodate 12no. self contained residential apartments.	As Above.		

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
19/00485/CCD	Mr David Laux Morpeth Station, Coopies Lane, Morpeth	Construction of car park with 26 parking bays with associated private access junction, drainage infrastructure, street lighting and landscaping.	Morpeth Town Council have no objection to this application and welcome the additional spaces.		
19/00666/FELTPO	Cowan 1 East Edington Farm, Linden Steads, East Edington Farm And Cottages, Morpeth, NE61 3YL	Tree Preservation Order Application : T1 - Beech (fell), Replacement beech to be planted.	Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.		