

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 15th January 2020 at 6:30pm
in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth

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

Open Session

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

212/19 **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.

213/19 **Mayoral Announcements**

- There will be a Chinese New Year Banquet at Mulan on the 27th January 2020 in aid of the Mayor's Charity. Tickets are £20 each, available from Morpeth Town Hall reception.
- Cllr D Bawn is organising a Burns Night Supper at the Sun Inn on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7pm in aid of the Mayor's charity. Tickets are £25 each and include a dram of whisky.
- Cllr Tebbutt is organising a Royal Fusiliers concert at Kind Edwards VI High School on Saturday 14th March 2020 at 6pm. The TA band and KEVI Steal Pan band will be performing. Ticket price to be confirmed.
- There will be VE Day celebrations taking place on Friday 8th and Saturday 9th May 2020. The floral clock bedding will be planted red, white and blue and a vintage singer will be performing.

214/19 **Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

215/19 **Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 11th December 2019**

The minutes of the above meetings were approved as a true record, with two corrections:

Page 2 – line amended to read “Cllr J Tebbutt advised members that this area is designated Greenbelt and is subject to significant restrictions on development.”

Page 3 – change “surmised” to “summarised”.

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of 11th December 2019, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved including the amendments and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

216/19 **Matters Arising**

See Appendix B.

217/19 **Licenses**

There were no license applications to consider on this occasion.

218/19 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 6th January 2020, see Appendix C.
- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for w/c 9th December and w/c 16th December 2019.
- (iii) 19/04025/FUL – Northgate Hospital, Northgate

Members were advised that the above application was heard at Local Area Council on Tuesday 7th January 2020, however no decision has been published on the Northumberland County Council (NCC) Planning Portal.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

- (iv) 19/01981/VARYCO – Former Fire and Rescue Workshop, Loansdean

Members were advised that the above application was heard at Local Area Council on Tuesday 7th January 2020 and was granted permission.

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted.

(v) 19/04195/FUL – West Tennis Courts, Carlisle Park, Castle Bank

Members were advised that the above application, which was due to be heard at Local Area Council on Monday 13th January, was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting. The reason for this was due to the application not being forwarded to Sport England for consideration.

The Deputy Clerk advised members that this was disappointing given the application had already been delayed. A decision had been expected in December, but at the last minute we had been informed it would need to be considered at Local Area in January. The application will now go to Local Area Council in February 2020.

Cllr R Wearmouth has contacted head of planning, Rob Murfin, at NCC to raise concerns regarding the delay in considering this application.

The Deputy Clerk advised that tenders are still being sought and if the application is approved in February it is hoped that the works can begin immediately.

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted.

219/19

Morpeth Conservation Area Character Appraisal

Members were provided for consideration with the final draft of the above appraisal.

Cllr Best informed members that he had attended a stakeholder meeting on Monday 13th January 2020 and the appraisal and associated gazetteer had been well received, particularly by NCC's Conservation Officer.

Cllr Best advised that there were a couple of amendments to be made, and given the size of the gazetteer, there may be a need for further amendments but the document as a whole is suitable for the purposes in which it is intended to be used for.

Cllr Best also advised that if the appraisal is approved at Full Council it would be sent to NCC for approval and adoption.

If the appraisal is approved by Full Council it was suggested that the documents be publicised on the council website, Morpeth Herald, Inside Morpeth Town Crier, social media, and in the NALC & CPRE newsletters.

RECOMMENDATION

- a) Information duly noted
- b) To recommend the approval of the Morpeth Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Gazetteer to Full Council on the 22nd January 2020.

220/19 Grass at Simpsons Cottages, Gas House Lane

The Deputy Clerk advised members that she had received an email from concerned residents of Simpsons Cottages that the grassed area near the bridge has been churned up by cars driving on the grass. NCC have advised that they are the landowners but do not have the budget to install a bollard.

Cllr Best suggested that we contact County Councillor David Bawn to ask if he would consider funding the project through his small schemes budget.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted
- b) To ask County Cllr D Bawn to consider funding the works.

221/19 Road Closures

Members were advised of the following road closure:

1. U6067 – Coopies Lane, Morpeth

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

222/19 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 7:26pm with Councillors N Best, A Byard, J Gebhard, A Tebbutt, J Tebbutt and J Wearmouth present.

216/19 - Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
199/19 (168/19)	18/04133/TREECA - Land at Dawson Place	<p>Members were advised that a response has been received from Karbon Homes in relation to the removal of the tree on land at Dawson Place.</p> <p>Cllr Best informed members that Karbon Homes have undertaken to replace the tree if a suitable location can be agreed. They have also indicated that the responsibility should fall to Northern Powergrid to replace the tree.</p> <p>Cllr Best suggested that more robust communication methods with Karbon Homes should be explored. This could be in the form of a councillor as an outside organisation representative.</p>	<p>Information duly noted.</p> <p>To request confirmation of if and when the tree will be replaced and if a councillor could be invited to the planting so that it can be publicised.</p> <p>To enquire with Karbon Homes if there is any opportunity for a councillor to attend any community meetings as an outside organisation representative to feedback information to the town council.</p>

APPENDIX C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 6th January 2020

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
19/04659/FUL	<p>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr A Tebbutt. Extension granted to 17th January 2020. Mr Chris Carlisle High House, High House Road, Morpeth, NE61 2YU</p>	New access and gate to field.	<p>Morpeth Town Council object to this application on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highway safety – the location is extremely close to a blind summit • There is lack of clarity as to how the proposed new access point is any better than the current access • Unclear as to why a larger scale access is required given the current use of the land • Although the application falls within Mitford's Parish boundary, the negative impact of this access will mainly effect Morpeth residents • This should not be linked to any further applications as this is a Greenbelt area • A site visit is recommended to appreciate the hazardous nature of the access 		Application Granted
19/04654/FUL	<p>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Best from planning list w/c 9th December 2019. Extension granted to 17th January 2020. Mr David Chambers 26 - 28 Newgate Street, Morpeth, NE61 1BA</p>	Part demolition of existing premises at rear of Lumsden's Lane and replaced with proposed mixed-use development for retail and residential units.	<p>Morpeth Town Council support this application in principle but request consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The north wall is preserved as it has heritage value, as identified in the recently completed Morpeth Conservation Area Appraisal. • Access to and from Newgate Street is not blocked during construction. 		Application Granted
19/04600/COU	<p>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Best from planning list w/c 9th December 2019. Mrs Daniella Dickinson Applebys Book Shop, 60 Newgate Street, Morpeth, NE61 1BE</p>	Change of use : A1 and A3 to to A1, A3 and D2, Opening hours to be 9am to 6pm.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		Application Granted

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
19/04708/CCD	<p>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Best from planning list w/c 16th December 2019.</p> <p>Extension granted to 17th January 2020.</p> <p>Mr Carl Hinde Morpeth First School, Goose Hill, Middle Greens, Morpeth, NE61 1TL</p>	<p>Provision of a new car park on the site of the former Morpeth First School to provide a total of 142 no. parking bays. It is proposed to provide 128 no. standard parking bays, 8 no. disabled parking bays and 6 no. electric vehicle charging bays.</p>	<p>Morpeth Town Council support this application subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further investigation in to the effect of movement of traffic in the area, particularly at peak times as this will differ to the traffic movement generated from the school • To include scope to increase the number of electric vehicle charging points to meet demand in the future • Archaeological implications of the works need to be thoroughly explored and recorded for any future development <p>Morpeth Town Council also endorse the comments from Northumbrian Water in relation to a surface water drainage scheme being adopted to minimise surface flooding.</p>		
19/04868/FUL	<p>Mrs Sharon Lamont 11 Mains Place, Morpeth, NE61 1AG</p>	<p>Proposed single storey rear extension.</p>	<p>Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.</p>		<p>Application Withdrawn</p>