

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 20th February 2019 at 6:30pm
in the Council Chambers at the Town Hall, Morpeth

Present:	Councillors:	N Best	- Vice Chairman
		J Gebhard	- Mayor (ex-officio)
		A Byard	
		D Herne (arriving at 6:34pm)	
		K Holmes	
Clerks:	Mrs J Wilson	- Deputy Clerk	
	Miss K Carter	- Democratic Services Assistant	
	Ms A Cole	- Administration Assistant	
Absent Councillors:	N Bawn	- No apologies received	
	J Parreira	- Business	
	A Tebbutt	- Personal	
	J Tebbutt	- Personal	
	J Wearmouth	- Personal	

280/18 **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.

281/18 **Mayoral Announcements**

- Nominations for Civic Awards must be submitted by 22nd February 2019.
- Two teams will represent the Mayor's charity at the Lions' Swimathon.
- A meal at Lollo Rosso in Morpeth to raise money for the Mayor's charity will take place on Sunday 14th April 2019.

282/18 **Declarations of Interest**

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

Cllr D Herne – Planning Applications List for Consideration – 11th February 2019 application 18/04473/FUL Scout Hut – (Personal and Prejudicial Interest – is a Scout Leader)

283/18 **Public Participation Time**

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

284/18 **Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 16th January 2019**

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

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of 16th January 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.

Cllr Herne arrived at 6:34pm.

285/18 **Matters Arising**

See Appendix B

286/18 **Licenses**

There were no license applications to consider on this occasion.

287/18 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 11th February 2019, and those requested to be brought to committee from previously circulated planning lists (w/c 28th January 2019), see Appendix C.

Cllr Herne declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this matter – see min 282/18.

- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists for w/c 14th January, w/c 21st January, w/c 28th January and w/c 4th February.

- (iii) 18/04029/ADE – Morpeth Lodge Bed and Breakfast, 6-8 Staithes Lane, Low Stanners, Morpeth, NE61 1TD

Members were advised that the above application has been granted permission however, application 18/03721/FUL linked to the above, for a proposed takeaway, has been withdrawn by the applicant.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

(iv) 18/02629/FUL – Land North of the Garth, Pottery Bank, Morpeth

Members were advised that the above planning application was heard at Local Area Council on Monday 11th February 2019, and was refused planning permission.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

288/18 **Northumberland Local Plan – Publication Draft Plan Consultation**

Members were asked to consider the above consultation.

Members were advised that a drop-in session will be taking place on Monday 25th February 2019 2-7pm in Morpeth Town Hall. Comments to the consultation to be submitted by Wednesday 13th March 2019.

Cllr Best suggested that prior to a response being formulated, the comments to the Spring 2018 consultation be checked to see if they have been considered within the draft plan, particularly with reference to the land west of Lancaster Park.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) Cllrs Best, Wearmouth and the Deputy Clerk to check previous comments and formulate a response.
- c) Cllr Best to represent Morpeth Town Council (MTC) at the public examination.

289/18 **NCC Planning Procedures**

The Deputy Clerk informed members that Cllr A Tebbutt had raised concerns regarding NCC's planning procedures following approval of an application to which MTC objected to. Cllr A Tebbutt was of the understanding that any application objected to by MTC should go before the Local Council Planning Committee for consideration.

The Deputy Clerk advised that she has been in contact with NCC, asking for clarification of any procedural changes.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) The Deputy Clerk to chase a response from NCC.

290/18 Northgate Hospital Update

Cllr Best informed members that following a presentation from the NHS Trust at a recent Forum meeting, a grant of £60 million has been awarded to refurbish and rebuild parts of Northgate Hospital. This will include facilities for residents of St Andrews Gardens and the North of Morpeth. Local residents will be consulted during the design stage.

Cllr Best also informed members that the next Morpeth Forum drop in session will take place on Saturday 16th March 2019. Updates will include proposals for the future leisure provision in Morpeth, library services and the use of the Chantry building. Developers of key sites, including the old Benfield site, the police station and Appleby's, will be attending to provide updates.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

291/18 Road Closures

There were no road closures on this occasion

292/18 Local Council Issues

The Deputy Clerk advised members that she had received a response from the Highways Officer at NCC regarding the new post office at St Mary's Field. He confirmed that the post office did have an informal agreement with the Sun Inn for customers to use the car park. Unfortunately, this cannot be advertised. The Highways Officer will continue to monitor the situation.

There were no other issues raised on this occasion.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 7:08pm with Councillors N Best, A Byard, J Gebhard, D Herne, and K Holmes present.

Min 285/18 Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
249/18 (222/18) (183/18) (157/18) (92/18)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan Housing Policy (MNP) 2. Items referred from F&GP Committee - Community Action Plan- Resources – S106 Discussions 	<p>The Deputy Clerk gave an update from NCC on these issues raised previously.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A response has been received from Paul Johnson at Northumberland County Council (NCC), giving Morpeth Town Council permission to publish reassurance of the weight of the MNP on our website. 2. A new Director of Planning will be appointed Thursday 21st February 2019, and will be in touch in due course regarding MTC's S106 requirements. 	<p>Information duly noted.</p> <p>To publish NCC's response on the Town Council website.</p>

Min 287/18 Appendix C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 11th February 2019

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
19/00184/VARYCO	<p>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Best, from planning list w/c 28th January 2019. Extension granted to 22nd February 2019. Mr Peter Smith The Old Registry, Northumberland Gardens, Morpeth</p>	<p>Removal of condition 32 (Entrance gates) pursuant to planning application 18/00336/FUL in order to omit the installation of gates.</p>	<p>Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.</p>		<p>Application Granted</p>
17/01329/OUT	<p>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Best, from planning list w/c 28th January 2019. Extension granted to 22nd February 2019. Mr Anderson Land North Of Fernleigh, Cottingwood Lane, Morpeth</p>	<p>Outline application to build a single dormer bungalow to include parking and garden areas (some matters reserved).</p>	<p>Morpeth Town Council object to this application and our previous comments still stand, see below. In addition, consideration should be given to the Neighbourhood Plan, Policy Des1, particularly in relation to massing as this is in addition to the development of the Old Registry building, and respecting the character of the site.</p>		

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is insufficient parking provided on the site 2. The development would contribute further to the congestion issues in the area 3. The access shown cuts across private land and right of access needs to be demonstrated before planning permission can be given 		
18/04456/FUL	<p>Requested to be brought to committee by Cllr Best, from planning list w/c 28th January 2019.</p> <p>Extension granted to 22nd February 2019.</p> <p>Mr Peter Smith</p>	<p>Construction of single four-bedroom dormer bungalow within overall site boundary of 94 Newgate Street (former Council Offices) development.</p>	<p>To reconsider at P&T 13th March 2019.</p> <p>Agreed at P&T on 20th February to object to the application as this was an additional bungalow to the previous four which had been granted planning</p>		

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	94 Newgate Street, Morpeth, NE61 1BU		permission, to which the Town Council objected to. However this application was for a reconfiguration of one of the previously approved bungalows, not an additional one.		
19/00411/FUL	Mr Iain Wilmore-Smith 26 Curlew Hill, Lancaster Park, Morpeth, NE61 3SH	Construction of first floor extension above garage and porch to front.	Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.		
18/04473/FUL	Mr Sean Taylor Scout Hut, Low Stanners, Morpeth, NE61 1TE	Extension to side of existing building.	Morpeth Town Council have no comment to this application.		Application Granted