

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 6pm
Via Zoom

Present:

Councillors:	N Best	- Chair
	D Bawn	
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	A Byard	
	J Gebhard (arriving at 6:18pm)	
	A Tebbutt	
	J Wearmouth	
Clerks:	Mrs J Wilson	- Deputy Clerk
	Miss K Carter	- Democratic Services Assistant
Absent Councillors:	J Tebbutt	- Illness

Open Session

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

28/20 **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.

29/20 **Mayoral Announcements**

- The Mayor vs. Food challenge which took place on Saturday 12th September 2020 raised £300 for the Mayor's charity.
- The Prosecco in the Square event which took place on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September 2020 raised £100 for the Mayor's charity.
- A Mayor's Quiz Night will take place on Wednesday 23rd September 2020 at 7pm, at Harry's Coffee Bar. Proceeds to go to the Mayor's charity. Tickets available from Harry's Coffee Bar.

30/20 **Declarations of Interest**

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

Cllr A Tebbutt – Planning Applications List for Consideration – 7th September 2020 applications 20/02516/CCD Abbeyfields First School (Personal Interest – School Governor).

31/20 **Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 11th March 2020**

The minutes of the above meetings were approved as a true record.

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of 11th March 2020, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved including the amendment and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

32/20 **Matters Arising**

See Appendix B.

33/20 **Licenses**

There were no license applications received on this occasion.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

34/20 **Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 7th September 2020, see Appendix C.

Cllr A Tebbutt declared a personal interest in this matter – see min 30/20.

Cllr Gebhard arrived at 6:18pm.

- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists from w/c 9th March to w/c 31st August 2020.

35/20 **Government White Paper – Planning for the Future**

Cllr Best advised members that the deadline for comment to the above is 29th October 2020.

Members agreed that Cllrs Best and J Tebbutt will draft a response which will be circulated for consideration.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) The response to be circulated for consideration prior to the next Planning and Transport committee meeting, where the final response will be approved.

36/20

Local Transport Plan Programme 2021-22

Members were asked to consider the above and were provided for consideration with a list submitted prior to this meeting from both Town and County Councillors.

Members agreed that a priority from each ward should be forwarded and agreed on the following:

- Resurface the junction from First Avenue to Shields Road (beside Boots Stobhill)
- Resurface the footpath on Abbey Meadows, particularly next to the bus shelters.
- Refill the pothole on the Telford Bridge and reinstate the roundabout. Suggest a full investigation is carried out to determine the integrity of the bridge.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To submit the top three priorities for the Local Transport Plan Programme 2021-22.

37/20

Morpeth Conservation Area Boundary Review

The Deputy Clerk advised members that phase 1 of the Conservation Area Appraisal was adopted by Northumberland County Council Cabinet in June 2020.

Phase 2, Conservation Area Boundary Review, was due to commence in April 2020, however due to Covid-19, it was put on hold.

The consultants (LUC) are now able to conduct site visits and a schedule for works will be submitted in due course.

LUC have suggested some areas to be included in the boundary and a draft report will be provided once a site visit has taken place.

A public consultation will take place; which will be a virtual consultation. This will be advertised in the Inside Morpeth magazine, on the website and social media.

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted.

38/20

Road Closures

Members no road closure to consider on this occasion.

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted.

39/20

Local Council Issues

There were no issues raised on this occasion.

Cllr D Bawn advised members that the Local Area Council will resume shortly and that planning matters will be included.

RESOLVED

a) Information duly noted.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 6:37pm with Councillors D Bawn, N Bawn, N Best, A Byard, J Gebhard, A Tebbutt and J Wearmouth present.

32/20 - Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
272/19 (218/19)	19/04025/FUL – Northgate Hospital, Northgate, Morpeth, NE61 3BP	Members were advised that this application was approved in April 2020.	Information duly noted.
272/19 (240/19) (231/19)	Strategic County Councillor Updates – s106	Members were advised that contact has been made with Northumberland County Council (NCC) and a request has been made with the planning officer for a s106 contribution for improvements to the path leading from Beggar Lane to Cottingwood Lane.	Information duly noted. There has been no response from the Planning Officer to the request made. The Deputy Clerk is in discussions with Rob Murfin to confirm protocol in relation to s106.
276/19	Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) Alcohol Consumption	Members were provided with a response from Inspector Swan with regards to a request made for information on PSPO relating to alcohol consumption.	Information duly noted. Morpeth Town Council still support the PSPO.

34/20 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 2nd March 2020 – APPENDIX C

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
20/02209/OUT	Mr Tony Lee Land North West Of 16 Heathfield, Heathfield, Stobhill Grange, Morpeth	Outline permission for 1 no. four bedroomed 2 storey detached dwelling, with single integrated garage, off road parking for at least 2 vehicles (All Matters Reserved).	Morpeth Town Council strongly object to this application as the works would involve felling a fully matured sycamore tree which contributes significantly to both the local street scene and the landscape corridor along this entrance to Morpeth. This is therefore against the Morpeth Neighbourhood Plan Policy Env1 – Landscape and Wildlife Corridor (5.2.7) and original plan objective 1 – Historic Market Town Character. MTC notes that the tree is subject to a TPO, and requests a full survey is carried out by the Tree Officer.		
20/02516/ CCD	Gavin Stewart Abbeyfields First School, Abbots Way, Highchurch, Morpeth, NE61 2LZ	Remove existing temporary mobile classrooms and erect a permanent timber cabin to form an Outdoor Education Centre to enable the school's well established Forest School to continue.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
20/02572/FUL	Mr & Mrs Stephenson 7 Burghley Gardens, Brocksburn Park, Pegswood, NE61 6TN	Ground Floor single storey extension to rear of dwelling.	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
20/02618/REM	Mr G Featherstone Land North of Fernleigh, Cottingwood Lane, Morpeth	Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for a single dormer bungalow to include parking and garden areas pursuant to planning permission 17/01329/OUT Land North Of Fernleigh Cottingwood Lane Morpeth Northumberland	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		
20/02684/FUL	Mrs & Mrs Booth	Glass roof orangery to rear	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
	8 Copperfield Drive, St Georges Wood, Morpeth, NE61 2GH				
20/02628/ADE	Mr M Priestley 15 Bridge Street, Morpeth, NE61 1NX	Advertisement consent for an illuminated fascia sign to front of building	Morpeth Town Council object to this application as it is a Grade II listed building and no listed building consent has been sought. The signage is out of character for the building, which does not have an established shop frontage. The Planning Officer will be sent an extract from the Conservation Area Appraisal gazetteer (Jan 2020) for consideration.		