

Morpeth Town Council
Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee
Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 6:30pm
Via Zoom

Present:

Councillors: N Best - Chair
D Bawn
N Bawn
A Byard
J Gebhard
A Tebbutt
J Tebbutt
J Wearmouth

Clerks:

Mrs J Wilson - Deputy Clerk
Miss K Carter - Democratic Services Assistant

Absent Councillors:

The meeting commenced at 6:40pm

Open Session

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

139/20 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.

140/20 Mayoral Announcements

- All mayoral activities have been suspended due to the new government restrictions.
- The 12 Days of Christmas online campaign raised over £1,000 for the Mayor's chosen charity, which included a substantial donation.

141/20 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

142/20 Minutes of the Planning and Transport Committee held on 9th December 2020

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

RESOLVED

- a) That the minutes of 9th December 2020, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

143/20 Matters Arising

See Appendix B.

144/20 Licenses

There were no license applications received on this occasion.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

145/20 Town and Country Planning Act 1990

- (i) Members were asked to consider the planning list for w/c 4th January 2021, see Appendix C.

- (ii) Members noted the comments submitted to applications on planning lists from w/c 7th December, and w/c 14th December 2020.

- (iii) 20/02964/FUL – 56B Newgate Street, Morpeth

Members noted that the above application has been granted planning permission.

- (iv) 20/03531/FUL – Hill Crest, High Park Lane, Station Bank, Morpeth

Members noted that the above application has been granted planning permission.

- (v) 20/02535/FELTPO – Land East of Pinewood House, 2A Pinewood Drive, Lancaster Park

Members noted that the above application has been granted planning permission.

146/20 Resident Permit Parking Area at Kings Avenue and De Merley Road

Members were provided for information with a letter regarding the above scheme.

Cllr D Bawn advised members that the scheme had been approved and residents had been informed before Christmas. It will be implemented shortly.

The scheme will be trialled for one year, at no cost to residents, with a review to follow after that time.

He asked that the Town Council make observations and compile representations after the 12 month period.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) To consider a response at the Planning and Transport meeting in January 2022.

147/20 Morpeth Conservation Area Boundary Review Public Consultation

Cllr Best advised members that the consultation period for the above had concluded on the 8th January 2021. A number of responses have been received through the interactive map, as well as written responses direct to the council. These have been passed on to the consultant for consideration.

The consultant will review the comments and use these to produce the final recommendations which will be considered at the meeting of this committee on 10th March 2021.

Cllr Best also suggested that the working group should meet with the consultant prior to the final recommendations being submitted as several issues were highlighted in the consultation comments which require discussion.

The Deputy Clerk advised that she had previously requested a statement from the NCC Conservation Officer to confirm how the proposals will affect property owners within the boundary area, no response has been received to date.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) The working group to meet in early February 2021 to discuss the feedback from the consultation.

148/20 Road Closures

Members were advised of the following road closures:

1. U6067 – Second Avenue, Morpeth
2. U6114 – Bankside, Morpeth
3. U6106 – Howard Road, Morpeth

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.

149/20 Local Council Issues

Cllr J Tebbutt enquired if clarification on s106 protocols should be asked at Local Area Council meeting again.

The Deputy Clerk advised that it was raised at Local Area Council in November 2020, and that the director of planning was to produce a written response however, it has not yet been received.

Cllr D Bawn suggested that the Deputy Clerk chase for a response again, copying himself into the email so that he can also follow up.

RESOLVED

- a) Information duly noted.
- b) The Deputy Clerk to chase a response to the s106 protocols.

There was no other business to discuss and the meeting concluded at 6:53pm with Councillors D Bawn, N Bawn, N Best, A Byard, J Gebhard, A Tebbutt, J Tebbutt and J Wearmouth present.

143/20 - Matters Arising from Previous Committee Meetings – Appendix B

Minute Number	Item	Current Position	Action from meeting
121/20 (89/20) (73/20) (60/20) (32/20) (272/19) (240/19) (231/19)	Strategic County Councillor Updates – s106	Members were advised that the Deputy Clerk has chased Northumberland County Council (NCC) Democratic Services department for a written response regarding s106 protocols and how best to engage with Planning Officers in future. She has not yet received a response.	Information duly noted. The Deputy Clerk will chase again.
125/20	Morpeth Conservation Area Boundary Review Consultation	Members were advised that the Deputy Clerk has requested a statement from the NCC Conservation Officer of how the conservation area appraisal is used. Cllr Best advised this would be discussed later in the agenda.	See min 147/20.

145/20 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS W/C 4th January 2021 – APPENDIX C

PLANNING REF	NAME & LOCATION	PROPOSAL	MTC RESPONSE	MIN NO	NCC DECISION
20/04053/FUL	Mr & Mrs Dixon 2 High House Close, Newminster Park, Morpeth, NE61 2BL	Construction of single storey extension	Morpeth Town Council note the objections to this application and request that the planning officer investigates and addresses the concerns raised.		
20/04073/FUL	Mr I Sanderson 30 Low Stobhill, Stobhill Grange, Morpeth, NE61 2SQ	Proposed two storey side extension and alterations	Morpeth Town Council has no comment to this application.		