



Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council

Minutes of the Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 14 May 2024 at 6.00pm in The Meeting Room, Berwick-upon-
Tweed Town Council Office, Unit 1, 82 – 88 Marygate, Berwick-upon-
Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: T Stewart (Chair)
M Greener
J Robertson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gareth Davies, Town Clerk
Lucy Henzell-Thomas, Administrator
Cty Cllr C Seymour

MINUTE NO.	TITLE AND DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	Mover	Seconders	Decision
P001/24	OPEN SESSION			
	<p>Members of the public may make representations, ask questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.</p> <p>This is for a period of 15 minutes overall and is limited to 3 minutes per person.</p>	N/A	N/A	There were no members of the public present.
P002/24	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE			
	To receive apologies for absence.	N/A	N/A	Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Driver and Cllr G Smith
P003/24	MINUTES			
	To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 8 April 2024.	JR	TS	The Committee RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8 April 2024, were agreed and signed as a correct record.
P004/24	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS			
	(i) Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct	N/A	N/A	i. There were no disclosures of interests

	<p>adopted by the Council on 9 July 2012, and are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room.</p> <p>(ii) To receive and consider requests from members who have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any items on the agenda an application for dispensation under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 to enable members to participate in discussions and voting.</p>			<p>ii. There were no requests for dispensation.</p>
P005/24	APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION			
	<p>Ref No: 24/01359/VARYCO Description: Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and discharge of conditions 3, 6, 7, 11, 13, 18, 19, 23 and 24 on approved application 21/04453/FUL to remove plots 11 and 28 as they are within root protection zones and cannot be built out. Change external canopies from perspex to GRP. Address: Land At Seton Hall Ord Road Tweedmouth Berwick-Upon-Tweed Northumberland TD15 2UT</p>	<p>Nem con</p>		<p>The Town Council accepts the changes to the canopies and has no comment on the technical matters dealt with in the discharge of the conditions referred to.</p> <p>The Town Council accepts that the changes made to the site plan will protect trees that are outwith the boundary, helping to preserve public amenity. However, the Town Council would like to resubmit point 3 from our comment dated 21/12/21 regarding the related application 21/04453/FUL: namely, "that the layout and design of the site, and the impermeable barrier between the site and</p>

				adjacent public open spaces will encourage anti-social behaviour and provide opportunities for crime". So as to protect public order, and in specific relation to this application, the Town Council therefore requests a greater level of detail relating both to design and ongoing management of the vacant space where previous Plots 11 and 28 have been omitted (and also the other open spaces within the site), so as to ensure that the changes made to the site plan in this application do not increase any risk associated with informal groups gathering at the corners of the site.
	<p>Ref No: 24/01518/FUL</p> <p>Description: Proposed rear single storey extension</p> <p>Address: 66 Dean Drive Tweedmouth Northumberland TD15 2DE</p>	Nem con		No objections
P006/24	PLANNING APPLICATION DECISION LIST			
	To note the list of planning application decisions for April 2024.	Nem con		<p>The decisions provided in the attachment were noted.</p> <p>Regarding the disposed application 12/00512/FUL - it was suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan Group should consider whether the land at Spittal Point could be included in a design code as it is a very important site, visually, environmentally and historically. Officers to check whether there were</p>

				any outstanding applications/permissions for the site.
P007/24	NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN			
	To receive a verbal update	Nem con		<p>The committee noted the update and RESOLVED that this should be a regular agenda item. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Group is in regular discussion with Northumberland County Council regarding the draft Plan and they have indicated that there may need to be further consultancy required which may lengthen the process. The Group is keen for the work to be completed by April 2025 - within the lifetime of this council. The Group would appreciate input from all councillors regarding an assessment of green spaces and NDHA's (Non-Designated Heritage Assets) as they may have better knowledge through their links with the local community as to which buildings and green spaces they might want recorded in the Neighbourhood Plan. An email requesting their input will be sent to all councillors in June.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to instruct the Town Clerk to contact NCC about previous work done on NDHA recommendations and rejections and see if we can get this published.</p>

P008/24	ACTION PLAN			
	To receive an update.	Nem con		The committee noted the update and RESOLVED to include Local Transport Plan Consultation and appropriate housing in the Action plan for 2024/25. It was RESOLVED to instruct the Town Clerk and/or Officers to contact NCC regarding the progress of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and provide an update at the next meeting.
P009/24	DATE OF NEXT MEETING			
	The date of the next meeting will be held on Monday 17 June 2024 at 6.00 pm.	N/A	N/A	Noted.