

Midsomer Norton Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton on Monday 15th August 2011 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Chair of the Committee: Cllr P Moccock

Committee Members: Cllr P Myers (Mayor), Cllr Mrs L Dunford (Deputy Mayor), Cllr B Lawrence (Vice Chair), Cllr Miss J Lewis, Cllr S Plumley, Cllr J Slade

Other Councillors Present: Cllr M Evans, Cllr Mrs L Robertson, Cllr R Robertson

Also Present: Three (3) Members of the Public

In Attendance: Michael Curry (Town Clerk)
Mrs C Sims (Administrative Assistant)

1. Fire Safety – Evacuation Procedure

The Town Clerk explained the fire evacuation procedure.

2. Election of Chair for the Municipal Year 2011/2012

The Town Clerk sought nominations for the position of Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2011/2012. Councillor P Moccock was duly elected.

Resolved: That Councillor P Moccock be elected as Chair of Committee for the Municipal year 2011/2012.

Cllr P Moccock assumed the Chair for the rest of the meeting.

3. Apologies for Absence

There were no Apologies for Absence received.

4. Election of Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2011/2012

The Chair of Committee sought nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2011/2012. Councillor B Lawrence was duly nominated and elected to the position.

Resolved: That Councillor B Lawrence be elected as Vice Chair of Committee for the Municipal Year 2011/2012.



5. Declarations of Interest

Councillor P Moccock declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item Number 7 (a) Planning Application 11/03134/FUL, Mr J Sawyer, Land Between Sunny Mount and River Somer, Railway View Place, Midsomer Norton as he is known to the applicant.

6. Terms of Reference

Members received the Planning Committee Terms of Reference.

Resolved: That the Terms of Reference be agreed.

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7. Planning Applications for Consideration

The Committee considered a schedule of applications for planning consent that had been submitted for consultation by the local planning authority.

Councillor P Moccock withdrew from the meeting at 7.10pm and took no part in the next item of business.

The Vice Chair of Committee, Councillor B Lawrence took the chair for the next item of business.

- a. 11/03134/FUL (2011/12/034) Mr J Sawyer, Land Between Sunny Mount and River Somer, Railway View Place, MSN
Erection of five bedroom detached dwelling on land adjacent to 2 Sunnymount.

Recommended Refusal on the following grounds:

- i) The access/egress provision is inadequate;
- ii) Loss of amenity;
- iii) The proposal represents an overdevelopment of the site;
- iv) The proposed is considered to be out of character with the locality.

Councillor P Moccock rejoined the meeting at 7.14pm.

Councillor P Moccock resumed the Chair.

- b. 11/03133/FUL (2011/12/035) Mr B Hammond, 52 Riverside Walk, MSN BA3 2PD
Erection of a two storey side extension.

Recommended Approval

- c. 11/03063/FUL (2011/12/036) Mrs Alison Wyatt, Somervale School, Redfield Road, MSN BA3 2JD
Erection of single storey extension to form sixth form accommodation.

Recommended Approval – Comment to be made expressing concerns with the choice of materials which require constant maintenance in a period of austerity.

- d. 11/03053/FUL (2011/12/037) Mr T Russell, 34 North Road, MSN BA3 2QQ
Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Recommended Approval

8. Planning Decisions

The Committee received a schedule of decisions made recently by the local planning authority.

Resolved: That the schedule be noted.

9. Planning Appeal Decisions

The Committee were advised that the following appeal had been dismissed:

- Appeal Ref: APP/F0114/A/11/2152058
Land adjacent Dymboro Villa, Providence Place, MSN BA3 2LD

Resolved: That the Planning Appeal decision be noted.

10. Planning Policy

The Town Clerk advised the Committee on the progress of the Bath & North East Somerset Core Strategy and Local Development Scheme.

- Resolved:**
- a. That at the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Focus Group the delegated Town Council representatives express the importance of the local view when reaching planning decisions;
 - b. That at the meeting of the Council to be held on Monday 5th September, when Bath & North East Somerset Council Officers will be presenting on the Core Strategy and Town Development Plan, Members stress the challenges being faced by representatives of areas outside the City of Bath and the need to progress development plans for Midsomer Norton. The Council will ask that the Planning Committee rotate its meeting to include locations such as Midsomer Norton and Keynsham.
 - c. That Representation is made to both Bath & North East Somerset Officers and Councillors by the Town Council on the need to maintain and create employment in the area especially in the light of the recent announcement by Welton Bibby & Baron. The Council will stress the need for an infrastructure, particularly transport, that can attract employment.
 - d. That at the next meeting of the Planning Committee, Members consider the above aspects and outline an 'Employment Vision of the Council'.



11. Training

The Committee considered training requirements for Members and staff.

Resolved: That the Town Clerk source suitable professional training for Members and staff and put together a budget plan.

The Meeting finished at 8.02pm

Signed: 

Dated: 19/9/11

