



Midsomer Norton Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Beauchamp Room, Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton on Monday 15th October 2012 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Chair of Committee: Cllr P Moccock
Committee Members: Cllr M Evans, Cllr B Lawrence (Vice Chair), Cllr J Lewis, Cllr P Myers (Mayor) and Cllr J Slade

Also Present: There were no Press or Members of the Public present

In attendance: Michael Curry (Town Clerk)

26. Fire Safety – Evacuation Procedure

Members of the Committee were asked to note the fire safety procedure.

27. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Plumley who was on holiday

Resolved: To accept the apologies with the reason given.

28. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the last ordinary meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 17th September 2012 be signed and adopted as a correct record.

29. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

PLANNING

30. 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.

- a. 12/03832/VAR (2012/13/027) Mr Daniel Malik, Jacarandas, 109B High Street, MSN, BA3 2DA

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Variation of condition 3 of application 12/00532/FUL in order to extend opening hours (Change of use part of 109 High Street to A3 in order to extend Jacarandas).

Recommended Approval subject to the following Condition:

That no food or drink should be sold for consumption on the terrace outside after 9.00 pm. This condition is a policy the Council is encouraging for planning and licence applications as the High Street includes residences e.g. the 2 flats above Jacarandas. The Council feels that the proposed 9:00pm limit strikes an acceptable balance in limiting noise to residents yet allowing the enterprise to develop.

The Council feels that the condition would not inhibit the success of the enterprise which it welcomes. However the Council were disappointed with the level of information in the application concerning the business that would be conducted during the extended period requested.

- b. 12/03768/FUL (2012/13/028) Mr & Mrs N Hulford, 128 Hillside Avenue, MSN, BA3 2NA
Erection of a two storey side extension and front porch.

Recommended Approval

- c. 12/04243/FUL (2012/13/029) Mr B Paget, The Paget Press, 128 High Street, MSN
Change of use from offices (Use Class A2) to residential (Use Class C3) to include erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey building.

Recommended Approval

This site is the old Vicarage and as such is a building of historic importance. The Council think it is important to secure its future. The building has stood empty for a long while, indicative of a lack of a viable business proposition as it stands. Consequently the change of use appears the best opportunity to secure its future and the specifics of the proposal appear relatively sympathetic to the buildings history.

- d. 12/04244/LBA (2012/13/30) Mr B Paget, The Paget Press, 128 High Street, MSN
Internal and external alterations for the change of use from offices (Use Class A2) to residential (Use Class C3) to include erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey building.

Recommended Approval

The building is of historic importance so sympathetic treatment is necessary. One aspect of its purported history which should be explored and verified is the existence of a tunnel behind a bricked-up archway in the cellar that leads from the property to the Church crypt on the opposite side of the road.



This is an opportunity to establish the truth of the tunnel and so confirm a piece of local history.

31. Planning Decisions

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

Resolved: That the schedule of decisions be noted.

The meeting finished at 7.45 pm

Signed:*me*.....

Dated:19/11/12.....