

Midsomer Norton Town Council

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee
held in the Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton
on Monday 16th April 2012 commencing at 7.00 pm**

Present: Chair of Committee Cllr P Moccock

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

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

Also Present: 1 Member of the Public

In attendance: Michael Curry – Town Clerk

81. Fire Safety – Evacuation Procedure

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

82. Apologies for absence

None

83. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the last ordinary meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 19th March 2012 be signed and adopted as correct record.

84. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Dunford – a personal and prejudicial interest in item 85a. Cllr Moccock – a personal and prejudicial interest in item 85f.

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85. Planning Applications for Consideration

- a. 12/00673/FUL (2011/12/077) Mr & Mrs L Goodridge, 1 Charlton Park, MSN BA3 4BN
Erection of a two storey side extension.

Cllr Dunford left the meeting at 7:05.

**Recommended Approval subject to the use of suitable materials in
keeping with the immediate locality**



Cllr Dunford rejoined the meeting at 7:07.

- b. 12/00940/FUL (2011/12/078) Mr Idris Smith, 33 Station Road, Welton, MSN
Erection of a porch (Resubmission).

Recommended Approval

Cllr Lewis joined the meeting at 7:10.

- c. 12/00629/FUL (2011/12/079) Peter Brent Russell, MSN South Railway Station,
Silver Street, MSN BA3 2EY
Extension of existing heritage railway to the south of the station to include
reinstatement of double-track railway, drainage, fencing and lineside path.

Recommended Approval

- d. 12/01000/FUL (2011/12/080) Mr Paul Warren, 51 Radstock Road, MSN BA3
2AW
Erection of single storey rear extension.

Recommended Approval

- e. 12/01030/AR (2011/12/081) Home Retail Group, ARGOS, 32 High Street, MSN
Display of 3 internally-illuminated fascia signs and 2 non-illuminated information
signs.

Recommended Approval

A concern was expressed on whether the illuminated signs would be left alight
throughout the night.

- f. 12/00578/FUL (2011/12/082) Mr J Sawyer, 2 Sunny Mount, MSN BA3 2AS
Erection of a detached garage on land adjacent to 2 Sunny Mount.

Cllr Moccock left the meeting at 7:15. Cllr Lawrence took the chair

Recommended Refusal on the following grounds:

- a. The proposed would be out of character with the area
- b. The proposal represents an overdevelopment of the site
- c. Access/Egress via a track is considered unsuitable
- d. The usage of the garage is unclear: is it intended for 2 Sunny Mount, or
another property?

Cllr Moccock rejoined the meeting at 7:20 and resumed the chair.

86. Planning Decisions

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

Resolved: That the schedule be noted.

87. Letter from David Trigwell, Divisonal Director, Bath & North East Somerset Council

The Committee received a letter from David Trigwell, Bath & North East Somerset following a Parish Liaison Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd February 2012.

The Council considered the response ran contrary to the ethos of localism. Whilst appreciating the need for a clear precedent when legalities pertain, otherwise the response appeared to justify ignoring the concerns of parishes because of resource pressures rather than looking holistically at the causes of those pressures.

Resolved: To share this view of the response with other members of the Parish Cluster.

88. Works to Trees

Members received notification of proposed works to trees in the Conservation Area:

- Mr Marc Vickery, Lynwood House Care Home, 4 Lynwood Close, MSN
Fell one Holly tree and 1 Ash tree.

Resolved: To recommend refusal on the following grounds.

The details contained in the application were insufficient to make an informed decision. The applications had the following shortcomings:

1. The diagram only refers to the Ash Tree.
2. Why is the Ash tree being replaced and not the Holly?
3. What is the purpose of felling both trees?

The meeting finished at 7:32

Signed: 

Dated: 18/6/12