

Midsomer Norton Town Council

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

Present: Chair of Committee: Cllr P Moccock
Committee Members: Cllr L Dunford (Deputy Mayor), Cllr B Lawrence, Cllr P Moccock, Cllr S Plumley, Cllr J Slade
Other Councillors Present: Cllr L Robertson, Cllr R Robertson

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

In attendance: Michael Curry – Town Clerk
Mrs C Sims – Administrative Assistant

58. Fire Safety – Evacuation Procedure

The Officer present explained the fire evacuation procedure.

59. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Myers (Mayor) who had a prior engagement and Cllr J Lewis who was delayed by an unexpected work commitment.

Resolved: To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

60. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the last ordinary meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 19th December 2011 be signed and adopted as correct record.

61. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

PLANNING

62. 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. 11/05045/AR (2011/12/57) Mrs Andrea Catley, 14 High Street, MSN BA3 2HP

Display of internally illuminated fascia sign following the removal of existing.

Recommended Approval

- b. 11/04938/LBA (2011/12/058) Thatcher & Hallam, Island House, The Island, MSN
Internal and external alterations for the demolition of outbuildings and lean to and demolition of internal partitions to rear room.

Recommended Approval

- c. 11/04832/FUL (2011/12/059) Mr Nathan Higgins, 22 Orchard Avenue, MSN BA3 2QZ
Erection of a front porch (Retrospective).

Recommended Approval

- d. 11/05153/FUL (2011/12/060) Mr Timothy Wood, 70 Millfield, MSN BA3 2PG
Erection of Conservatory (Retrospective)

Recommended Refusal on the following grounds:

Overdevelopment of site.

- e. 11/04992/FUL (2011/12/061) Lilylivered Publishing, Kings Arms, 36 Chilcompton Road, MSN
Part rehabilitation and part redevelopment of Kings Arms Public House and residential unit above and erection of part side and rear extensions and internal alterations with a pitched roof to create 7 1-bed residential units and 2 studio units.

The Committee expressed concern at the scale of the development with accommodation in the roof creating many residential units on a site where no car parking provision is being made. The Committee wished it be noted that they support the Highway Officer's (Gary Lewis) report dated 12th January 2012. The site is on a busy road with no pavement in front of it and a high demand for on-street parking in the immediate locality.

Recommended Refusal on the following grounds:

- (i) The proposed provides zero parking with a high demand of on-street parking in the immediate locality;
- (ii) There is no pedestrian access to the site;

Resolved: That the Local Planning Authority be advised of the decisions of the Committee on the submitted applications.

63. Planning Decisions

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

Resolved: (i) That the schedule be noted;

- (ii) That Bath & North East Somerset Council be contacted to request if the reasons behind their refusals on Planning Applications could be accessed by the Town Council.

64. Notice THTC698 – A362 Radstock Road

The Committee were notified of the temporary closure, suspension of parking and suspension of one way traffic intended under the above Notice.

- Resolved:**
- (i) That the Notice be noted;
 - (ii) That the Planning & Transport Development Department, Bath & North East Somerset Council be contacted to request clarification of the Notice after the Committee raised concerns in respect of public safety in the High Street.

The Meeting finished at 7.23pm

Signed: 

Dated: