

**Midsomer Norton Town Council**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee  
held in the Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton  
on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 commencing at 7.00 pm**

**Present:** Chair of Committee Cllr P Moccock  
Committee Members: Cllr B Lawrence, Cllr S Plumley

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

**In attendance:** Michael Curry (Town Clerk)  
Mrs C Sims (Administrative Officer)

**1. Fire Safety – Evacuation Procedure**

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

**2. Election of Chair for the Municipal Year 2012/13**

The outgoing Chair, Councillor P Moccock sought nominations for the position of Chair of the Committee for the Municipal Year 2012/2013. Councillor S Plumley proposed and Councillor B Lawrence seconded Cllr P Moccock for election as Chair of the Committee.

**Resolved:** That Councillor P Moccock be elected as Chair of the Planning Committee for the Municipal Year 2012/2013.

Councillor P Moccock in the Chair.

**3. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Myers and Councillor M Evans who were attending a Bath & North East Somerset Council meeting as Ward Councillors.

Apologies were also received from Councillor J Slade who had a hospital appointment.

**Resolved:** To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

**4. Minutes**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting of the last ordinary meeting of the Planning Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2012 be signed and adopted as a correct record.



**5. Election of Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2012/13**

The Chair of Committee sought nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Committee for the municipal Year 2012/2013. Councillor B Lawrence was duly nominated for the position.

**Resolved:** That Councillor B Lawrence be elected as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee for the Municipal Year 2012/2013.

**6. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**PLANNING**

**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.

- a. 12/01934/FUL (2012/13/005) Mr Andrew Dobson, 23 Oliver Brooks Road, MSN BA3 2LA  
Erection of a two storey extension to front elevation of property.

**Recommended Approval**

- b. 12/02137/FUL (2012/13/006) Mrs S Crosse, 11 Hope Terrace, MSN BA3 2AY  
Erection single storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension and installation of a solar thermal panel to the south elevation.

**Recommended Approval**

- c. 12/02279/AR (2012/13/007) Lidl (UK), 39 High Street, MSN  
Display of 1 billboard.

**Recommended Refusal**

- i) The proposed is considered to be too big and not in keeping with the town scene.  
ii) The development goes against the Bath & North East Somerset Local Plan:

**Policy BH.17**

*Consent for the display of an advertisement will be granted provided that:*

- i) *It would not prejudice public safety;*  
ii) *The proposal, either on its own or cumulatively with other existing or proposed advertisement, would not be detrimental to visual or residential amenity;*  
iii) *By reason of design, positioning, materials, colour, proportion or illumination it would not be detrimental to the appearance of a building or to the street scene in urban areas and villages;*



*C3.82 Advertisement hoardings and panels, by virtue of their size and the material displayed, have a significant impact on the appearance of an area. These are generally associated with predominately industrial and commercial areas but are also used alongside highways and to screen vacant sites. In most other locations this type of display will not be acceptable unless it is of a size and scale appropriate to its surroundings and located within a mixed-use area.*

*C3.83 Like all other advertisements, hoardings and panels can only be controlled in the interests of amenity and safety. Proposals for new or replacement display panels should respect the scale and character of the surrounding area or buildings in which they are to be located. In the case of buildings, poster displays should be restricted preferably to the use of blank walls or elevations and should not obscure any architectural feature. Careful consideration should also be given to the landscape and boundary treatment associated with the proposal in order to minimise its impact.*

iii) The proposed is in a conservation area.

## **8. Planning Decisions**

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

**Resolved:** That the schedule be noted.

**The meeting finished at 7.12pm**

**Signed:**  .....

**Dated:** 16/7/12 .....