

Midsomer Norton Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Town Hall, The Island, Midsomer Norton on Monday 19th December 2011 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Chair of Committee Cllr B. Lawrence
Committee Members: Cllr P Myers (Mayor), Cllr L Dunford
(Deputy Mayor), Cllr Miss J Lewis,
Cllr S Plumley,
Other Councillors Present Cllr M Evans, Cllr L Robertson,

Also Present: No members of the Public or members of the Press

In attendance: Michael Curry – Town Clerk

47. Fire Safety – Evacuation Procedure

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

48. Apologies for absence

Councillors P Moccock (Family illness) J Slade (Illness).

Resolved: To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

49. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the last ordinary meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 21st November 2011 be signed and adopted as correct record.

50. Declarations of Interest

None

PLANNING

51. 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. 11/04294/FUL (2011/12/055) Mr & Mrs S Bachrach, 29 Clevedon Road, Midsomer Norton BA3 2EB
Erection of a single storey rear extension and provision of a loft conversion with rear dormer.

Recommended Approval

- b. 11/04866/FUL (2011/12/056) Mr Tucker, St Elmo, Radstock Road, Midsomer Norton
Erection of a two storey side extension and porch on the rear elevation following removal of existing single storey lean to.

Recommended Approval

52. Planning Decisions

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

Resolved: That the schedule be noted.

53. Bath & North East Somerset Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) – Issues and Options Paper Consultation

Members were asked to consider a response on the above Consultation received from Meghan Rossiter, Senior Planning Officer, Bath & North East Somerset Council.

This is a consultation on the principles behind the potential allocation of traveler sites not on specific sites. 22 permanent pitches are required in B&NES by 2016 plus 20 transit pitches and a yard. Only area really for comment is the scoring matrix that will be adopted when possible sites are identified.

Resolved: To note the content of the Bath & North East Somerset Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document Issues and Options Paper Consultation but not to comment.

54. Street Naming – Residential Development off Withies Park, Midsomer Norton

Members were asked to reconsider the naming of four (4) streets for the above development following a communication received from the Street naming and Numbering Officer, Bath & North East Somerset Council.

Resolved: That the following street names be submitted to Lyn Parfitt, Street Naming & Numbering Officer, Planning & Transport Development, Bath & North East Somerset Council in addition to Pavilion View previously submitted

Road 1 Withies Way
Road 2 Jubilee Close
Road 3 Station View

55. Neighbourhood Planning Protocol

Members received a report from Councillor S Plumley in respect of the Neighbourhood Planning Protocol Meeting lead by Bath & North East Somerset Council Planning Policy Team held on Monday 12th December 2011

He noted the distinction between a Parish Plan and a Neighbourhood Plan; outlined other community rights in the Localism Act; and the Community Infrastructure Levy. He also stressed the need to progress the development of a neighbourhood plan for Midsomer Norton.

Resolved: For the Town Clerk:

1. To seek professional advice from an organisation such as CPRE on progressing a neighbourhood plan
2. Subject to the above:
 - a. To write to the Midsomer Norton Forum explaining the intention
 - b. To call a meeting for the end of Jan of the Midsomer Norton Forum plus representatives of the Town's clubs and societies to begin the process of preparing a neighbourhood plan
 - c. Invite B&NES to the meeting
3. Explore funding opportunities for the development of the neighbourhood plan

56. Planning Meeting with Bath & North East Somerset Council Planning Department

Members received a report from Councillor P Myers, Councillor S Plumley and the Town Clerk following a meeting with representatives of Bath & North East Somerset Councils Planning Department held on Thursday 7th December 2011 regarding:

- a. Local Development Framework Schedule
- b. Obtaining Article 4 Directions

Resolved: To explore with B&NES about becoming a pathfinder for preparation of a neighbourhood plan

Seek independent professional advice on applying for Article 4, noting the inherent value of an application in raising the profile of Midsomer Norton and its heritage

ENVIRONMENT

57. Tree Preservation Order

The Committee considered Tree Preservation Order:

- a. (11/04760/TPO) Mr Andrew Manners, 2 Ivy Walk, MSN BA3 2EE
Various tree works.

Resolved: To note the application in light of the deadline for responses

The Meeting finished at 7:48 pm

Signed:

Dated: 16/1/12