

MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber at The Town Hall, Midsomer Norton on Monday 20th June 2011 Commencing at 7.00pm

Present: Mayor: Cllr P Myers
Deputy Mayor: Cllr Mrs L Dunford
Councillors: Cllr M Evans, Cllr B Lawrence, Cllr Miss J Lewis, Cllr P Moccock, Cllr S Plumley, Cllr Mrs L Robertson, Cllr R Robertson, Cllr J Slade, Cllr S Wellington

In Attendance: Mr G J Furze (Locum Clerk)
Mrs C A Sims (Administrative Assistant)

Also Present: 4 Members of the Public and no members of the Press

35. Apologies for Absence

There were no Apologies of Absence received as all members were present.

36. Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor on behalf of the Midsomer Norton Society invited Members and members of the public to attend the Midsomer Norton Civic Day on Friday 24th June 2011 at 7.00pm being held at St John's Church.

The Mayor on behalf of the Midsomer Norton Society announced that Midsomer Norton Fayre Day would be taking place on Saturday 25th June 2011 between 11.00am and 3.00pm.

The Mayor advised Members that the scheduled meeting for Monday 4th July 2011 was cancelled as there would not be an officer available and as an alternative the Council would meet privately to agree a plan for the rest of the year.

37. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs L Dunford declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item Number 41 (b) Planning Application 11/01826/FUL, Mr & Mrs T M McCurry, Brookhouse Bungalow, 109C High Street, Midsomer Norton as she is known to the applicants.

Councillor P Myers declared a personal interest in Agenda Item Number 46 as a member of the Midsomer Norton Forum.

Councillor B Lawrence, Councillor P Myers, Councillor S Plumley, Councillor Mrs L Robertson and Councillor R Robertson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item Number 41 (c) Planning Application 11/01651/FUL, Mr A Green, 22 Vivien Avenue, Midsomer Norton BA3 2EH as they are known to the applicant,

38. Exclusion of the Press and Public– To agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 28.1.

Resolved: That no Agenda item be treated as confidential and dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded.

39. Minutes of Midsomer Norton Town Council Meeting – Monday 6th June 2011

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th June 2011 be signed as a correct record subject to a manuscript amendment to Minute Number 20 that Cllr Miss Lewis had a 'prearranged engagement'.

At the request of Cllr Evans, all Members agreed that as Morgan Griffin from the Centre for Sustainable Energy was present at the meeting it would be appropriate to bring Agenda Item Number 45 forward.

45. Notice of Motion

A Notice of Motion was received from Cllr Mrs L Robertson on Friday 10th June 2011, "That this Council considers the email received by most Councillors from the Centre for Sustainable Energy, with a view to becoming involved in the Centre's aims for the region and Midsomer Norton in particular".

Resolved: That the Locum Clerk in conjunction with Cllr Mrs L Robertson agree a date with the Centre for Sustainable Energy to give a presentation at a future meeting of the Town Council.

40. Accounts for Payment

Members were asked to review and approve a schedule of Accounts for Payment.

Resolved: That the Schedule of Accounts for Payment be approved and cheque signatories would be Cllr Mrs L Dunford and Cllr R Robertson.

41. Planning Applications for Consideration

Members considered a schedule of applications for planning consent that had been submitted for consultation by the Local Planning Authority.

Resolved: That the Local Planning Authority be advised of the recommendations of the Council as follows:-

a) 11/02077/LBA (2011/12/011) Mr P Bilder, 5 Church Square, Midsomer Norton, BA3 2HS

External alterations for the erection of a utility room with balcony over and a front porch with lead canopy and removal of all cement render, repair of stonework with matching local stone and re-pointing with lime mortar.

Recommended Approval

Councillor Mrs L Dunford withdrew from the meeting at 7.34pm and took no part in the next item of business.

- b) 11/01826/FUL** (2011/12/012) Mr & Mrs T M McCurry, Brookhouse Bungalow, 109c High Street, Midsomer Norton
Redevelopment of upper storeys to provide 2 self contained flats and retention of 1 parking space.

Recommended Refusal on the following grounds:

- a. Inadequate Parking
- b. Concerns with access and egress

Councillor Mrs L Dunford rejoined the meeting at 7.48pm

Councillor B Lawrence, Councillor P Myers, Councillor S Plumley, Councillor Mrs L Robertson and Councillor R Robertson withdrew from the meeting at 7.51pm and took no part in the next items of business.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mrs L Dunford took the chair for the next item of business.

- c) 11/01651/FUL** (2011/12/013) Mr A Green, 22 Vivien Avenue, Midsomer Norton BA3 2EH
Erection of a single storey rear extension.

Recommended Approval

Councillor B Lawrence, Councillor P Myers, Councillor S Plumley, Councillor Mrs L Robertson and Councillor R Robertson rejoined the meeting at 7.53pm

Councillor P Myers resumed the Chair.

- d) 11/02075/FUL** (2011/12/014) Mr P Bilder, 5 Church Square, Midsomer Norton BA3 2HS
External alterations for the erection of a utility room with balcony over and a front porch with lead canopy and removal of all cement render, repair of stonework with matching local stone and re-pointing with lime mortar.

Recommended Approval

- e) 11/02122/FUL** (2011/12/015) Barons Property Centre, 124 High Street, Midsomer Norton
Provision of second entrance to Barons Property Centre off High Street elevation.

Recommended Approval

- f) 11/01926/FUL** (2011/12/016) Mr & Mrs Cooper, Rustic House, North Way, Midsomer Norton
Erection of a 4 bedroom chalet bungalow with integral garage.

Recommended Refusal on the following grounds:

- a) The proposal represents an overdevelopment of the site

b) The proposed is considered to be out of character with the locality

42. Planning Decisions

Members received a schedule of decisions made recently by the Local Planning Authority.

Resolved: To note the Planning Decisions as contained in the schedule.

43. Planning Appeal

Members were advised that the following Planning Appeal had been refused

- Appeal Ref: 11/00035/RF
1 Holly Court, High Street, Midsomer Norton

Resolved: That the Appeal Decision be noted.

44. Notice of Motion – ‘Midsomer Norton Life’

Members considered a report received from the Mayor of Midsomer Norton Town Council, Councillor Paul Myers in respect of a quarterly newsletter to be called ‘Midsomer Norton Life’.

Resolved: That three quotes be sought from local suppliers to provide a Newsletter on behalf of the Town Council.

46. The Midsomer Norton Forum – Presentation from the Chairman of the Midsomer Norton Society at Previous Meeting

Members considered an offer put forward by The Midsomer Norton Forum to produce a Parish Plan for Midsomer Norton to be called ‘Midsomer Norton Community Plan’.

- Resolved:**
- a) That the offer be accepted in principle subject to detailed discussions;
 - b) That the Locum Clerk opens dialogue with the Midsomer Norton Forum.

47. Reports from Representative

Representatives to Outside Bodies and Organisations were asked if they had any reports to submit.

Resolved: No reports were given.

Meeting finished at 8.21pm

A signed copy of the minutes can be viewed at the Town Council Offices

Signed:

Dated: