

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held at Arms Evertyne House on Thursday 26 January 2017 at 6.30 pm

Present:

Councillors: J R Potts (Chair), A Cartie (Vice-Chair), R Parker, O Potts, A Gibbs-Barton

Also Present:

M Wilkinson Deputy Town Clerk
M Hawthorne Committee Clerk

A Spratt Customer Services/Admin Assistant

Representatives from Nathan Lichfield

Members of the Public - 2

No	
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	Councillors: G Knox, J Reid
2	DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND THE GRANT OF ANY DISPENSATIONS
	Councillor Gibbs-Barton declared a non-pecuniary interest in No 1 on the planning application list as a regular supporter of Blyth Spartans and in No 2 on the list as he has been spoken to about this.
	Councillor Parker declared a pecuniary interest in No 1 on the planning application list.

3 MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 JANUARY 2017

Committee agreed to ADOPT the minutes.

3.1 | MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Please see attached list with comments.

5 THE BLAGDON ESTATE

A presentation was delivered by representatives from Nathan Lichfield & Partners who are employed by Blagdon Estates.

The presentation outlined the plans for a residential development on the land south west of Park Farm, Newsham. It gave some background to the site, including planning permission which was granted on 20 February 2014 for 275 houses. A pre-application was submitted in October 2016. Revised plans have taken into account affordable housing, access to the site and revisions of the flood zones. Leaflets will be distributed to local residents with a view to submitting an application in February 2016 for 300 new homes. The Council agreed to post a copy of the leaflet on the website.

Following discussion it was agreed that this matter will be considered further when the planning application is live and more detail is available.

6 BLUE PLAQUES

Committee had a detailed discussion about the type of plaques they would prefer, including which materials to use and colour. It was noted that permission will have to be sought from the owners of the buildings before the plaques are displayed and issues may arise if the buildings are sold. The current list has been shared with Gordon Smith and he has made some suggestions. Councillor Gibbs-Barton commented that some of the suggestions on the list were his and suggested it may be useful to use the English Heritage Scheme as guidance. Committee agreed the following:

- Further research will be carried out by officers with a view to getting some examples of plaques made from fibreglass or acrylic, as well as costings. Advice will also be sought about which materials would be best for a coastal area
- BTC crest will be included on the plaques.
- When selecting typeface consideration will be given to the visually impaired to ensure it is as clear as possible.
- To check that none of the buildings are listed as there may be restrictions or rules around where plaques can be put. Officers will contact NCC.
- Officers will write to owners for those buildings where all of the information is correct.
- To check if NCC will wall mount the plaques.

7 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND URGENT BUSINESS

Councillor Gibbs- Barton noted that a discussion took place at Partnership Board about the bedding display to commemorate the 9 soldiers who drowned at Blyth Beach. The flower bed has been raised and the plants are ordered. It appears there is some confusion as the Blyth Battery may also be organising a memorial. Councillor Gibbs-Barton will speak to the office manager next week and then arrange a meeting with NCC and the Blyth Battery to clarify matters. He will then make formal contact with the Vicar of Cowpen and Horton as the officer in charge of the soldiers is buried at Horton.

It has been agreed that next year's theme will be poppies to commemorate the end of the First World War in 2018.

8 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning and Development Committee will take place on Thursday 16 February 2017 in the Council Chamber.

MEMBERS OF THE PLANNNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors

J R Potts (Chair) A Cartie Vice – Chair)

A Gibbs-Barton G T Knox K Nisbet R Parker O Potts J Reid

A Turnbull

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26 JANUARY 2017

ITEM	REFERENCE NO	PLANNING APPLICATION INFORMATION	COMMENTS
1	16/04538/FUL	Installation of 2no. off extend/retract lighting towers to 3G training pitch at North end of Croft Park - Blyth Spartans A F C, Croft Park, Plessey Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3JE	Concern that the light may shine onto people's homes, could we get a diagram of where the light will shine?
2	17/00141/SCREEN	Application for screening opinion - Land South West of Park Farm, South Newsham Road, Blyth, Northumberland	NO COMMENT
3	17/00029/DISCON	Discharge of conditions 7 (Ecological Mitigation), 12 (Contamination), 27 (Service Management Plan) and 28 (Travel Plan) relating to planning permission 15/03270/FUL - Erection of a Lidl foodstore (Class A1) and associated works (as amended by plans received by e-mail dated 05/11/15) - Lidl, Cowpen Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5SU	NO COMMENT
4	17/000123/FUL	Bedrooms over garage extension, canopy extended over garage and single storey rear extension - 3 Deal Close, South Beach,	NO COMMENT

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Final
Subject to Ratification

		Blyth, NE24 3ST	
5	17/000193/MISC	The removal and replacement of 1 No. existing 8m flagpole with 1 No. new Hutchinson engineering 8m flagpole and ancillary development thereto Newsham Victory Club, 2 Elliott Street, Newsham, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4NR	NO COMMENT