



## Blyth Town Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held** in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytne House on Thursday 3 December 2015 at 6.30 pm.

### Present:

Councillors:

J R Potts (Chair), A Gibbs-Barton, O Potts,

### Officers:

Town Clerk  
Committee Clerk  
Customer Service & Admin Officer

Stephen Rickitt  
Maureen Hawthorne  
Adam Spratt

### Members of Public: 1

No	
1	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Councillors A Cartie, J Reid, G Knox.  Councillor G Thompson has resigned from the Committee.
2	<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND GRANT OF DISPENSATIONS</b>  None.
3	<b>MINUTE OF THE PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2015</b>  It was noted the minutes were adopted by Full Council. The

	Committee AGREED the minutes.
4	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>
4.1	<b>Renaming of New Delaval Close</b>  Following advice from the Post Office it was agreed that the new name will be Fairway Drive.
4.2	<b>Blyth Enterprise</b>  The new proposal is for the Pods to be located on the car park between the two buildings and removing the wall.
5	<b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>
5.1	Please see Appendix 1 for a list of planning applications and comments from Blyth Town Council.
5.2	<b>Other applications which have to be considered before the next meeting of this Committee</b>  There were no other applications.
5.3	<b>To note the Planning Decision list attached</b>  The Committee noted the circulated planning list.  BTC have been asked to name a street on Commissioners Quay. The Committee agreed to propose Commissioners Quay and if this is not acceptable, Commissioners Quay Mews.
6	<b>PLANNING POLICY ISSUES</b>
6.1	<b>Pooled Contributions</b>  The Town Clerk commented that there are no updates at present. Changes to regulations have resulted in the pooling being changed and the Town Clerk will endeavor to find out what the financial impact will be. He added that five separate sites can contribute to a pool but it is unclear whether that is a general pool. Ian Hedley is investigating this further and the Town Clerk is meeting with Geoff Paul next week. Councillor J R Potts noted that parishes are supposed to be consulted on S106 agreement before standards are agreed.

6.2	<p><b>Core Strategy</b></p> <p>The Town Clerk advised that consultation closed on 26 November 2015 and he anticipates NCC will draft a report and submit it to examiner for review.</p>
7	<p><b>BUDGET FOR 2016/2017</b></p> <p>The Town Clerk stated that the Planning and Development Committee have a small budget for a town and plan consultation to be used if BTC decided to do its own development plan. He added that he would like to keep this in the budget at present.</p> <p>Councillor Gibbs-Barton commented that he would like a budget allocated to work around the heritage trails and suggested purchasing commemorative plaques for buildings and places of interest. Committee agreed to include £2,500 for this.</p> <p>The Town Clerk has spoken to Sarah Rushton from NCC with a view to identifying how much it would cost to commission some work. The Committee agreed to include £10,000 in the budget for heritage issues.</p> <p>Councillor Gibbs-Barton suggested asking businesses for sponsorship for the Heritage trail and the Town Clerk will explore the potential for this. He will also speak to Richard Schofer at ARCH.</p>
8	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p>
8.1	<p><b>England Coast Path</b></p> <p>Councillor JR and Councillor O Potts attended a session at Dave Stephens Centre where there was information available about the England Coast Path. There are still a lot of outstanding issues and no budget available for this work at present.</p>
9	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>It was agreed to cancel the next meeting of the Planning and Development on Tuesday 5 January 2016 therefore the next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday 28 January 2016 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber.</p>

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

## **MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

### **Councillors:**

J R Potts (Chair)  
G T Knox (Vice-Chair)  
A Cartie  
A Gibbs-Barton  
K Nisbet  
O Potts  
J Reid  
A Turnbull

### **Officers:**

S E Rickitt	Town Clerk
M Hawthorne	Committee Clerk