



## **BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee** held in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytne House on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 6.30pm.

### **Present:**

Councillors: J Potts (Vice-Chair in the Chair), A Cartie, B W Elliott, A Gibbs-Barton and R Parker (Mayor).

### **Also Present:**

S E Rickitt - Town Clerk (Democratic Services)

L Forsyth – Committee Clerk

### **046/13/01: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G T Knox, Councillor K Nisbet, Councillor G Thompson and Councillor A Turnbull.

### **047/13/02: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & THE GRANT OF ANY DISPENSATIONS**

Councillor B W Elliott declared an interest in the following applications:

13/02680/FUL and 13/02762/FUL.

### **048/13/03: MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013**

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that he was still awaiting an update from Northumberland County Council regarding the car park at the Ridley Park. **Action: SER.**

Councillor R Parker commented that the planning application on pp.4 should be Kingfisher Way. **Action: LF**

It was also commented that the planning application labelled 235 should be 2535. **Action: LF**

Councillor R Parker commented that he sought to seek engagement with Northumberland County Council to reiterate that bus shelters are to be painted blue and without a glass bottom panel. The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that he had received a consultation response from Magaret Field confirming that the Town Council is to be fully informed and consulted before any transfer of assets.

The Committee then went on to further discuss the transfer of assets and maintenance patterns and standards pre-transfer. Potential future issues were also discussed.

It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk (Democratic Services) is to continue with this investigation and reiterate the requirements prior to transfer.  
**Action: SER**

The Committee Clerk informed the Committee that he has been in contact with the conservation team at Northumberland County Council. It was noted that a conservation walking tour is to take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 4pm.

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that he was to confirm the CAAG with Chris Burgess at the County Council. **Action: SER**

The Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013 were **AGREED** as a true record (following amendments) and signed by the Chair.

## **049/13/04: MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising that were not to be covered in this Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee.

## **050/13/05: PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

5.1 From the Weekly Lists issued by Northumberland County Council for the weeks 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013, including the WASP application for the North Quay.

## WEEKLY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### 9 September 2013

13/02535/FUL                      Alterations to shop front and construction of 2 no apartments to first floor with garage to rear - Black Diamond, Phoenix Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4NP - **No comments.**

13/02661/COU                      Change of use from A2 Office to an A1 beauty and nail bar – 28 Regent Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 1LP – **No comments.**

**Councillor B W Elliott left the room for the consideration of the following application.**

13/02762/FUL                      Proposed development of 25 No. new residential bungalows on land previously designated for educational use and as agricultural prior to that – Land north of Windsor Drive, Windsor Drive, Blyth, Northumberland – **No comments.**

**Councillor B W Elliott returned to the Council Chamber.**

### 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013

13/02129/FUL                      Conversion of single property back into self-contained flats, erection of two storey extension to the rear, relocate staircase, install new bathroom on each level, install new kitchen on each level at rear in extension – 12 Robert Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2HJ – **No comments.**

13/02743/CLEXIS                      Certificate of lawfulness to existing lean to extension – 34 Falston Road, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 4QN – **No comments.**

13/02863/ADE                      Advertisement Consent: installation of 2no. fascia signs – The Blyth School Community College, Chase Farm Drive, Blyth,

Northumberland, NE24 4JP – **No comments.**

13/02719/FUL

Two storey side extension of kitchen extension with new playrom to front and front porch. Bathroom and bedroom extensions to first floor plus single storey rear sun room - 23 Kittiwake Close, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3RG - **No comments.**

## 23 September 2013

**Councillor B W Elliott left the room for the consideration of the following application.**

13/02680/FUL

Change of use from dairy to retail/shop and new shop front - 2 Chancery Lane/41-43 Marlow Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2RQ - **No comments.**

**Councillor B W Elliott returned to the Council Chamber.**

13/02805/TREECA

Works to trees in a conservation area - Fell one Poplar - 124 Bondicar Terrace, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2JZ - **No comments.**

13/02856/HPA

A utility room built off rear of garage and side of house - 24 Ashford Close, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3TJ - **No comments.**

13/02878/HPA

Single storey rear extension - 14 Shelley Crescent, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 5RH - **No comments.**

### 5.2 Other applications which have to be considered before the next scheduled Meeting of this Committee

The WASP application was then discussed by the Committee. An outline to the application was provided to the Committee.

It was **AGREED** that the Planning and Committee had no further comments on this application; however Councillor B W Elliott wished that his objection to the application be noted.

## **051/13/06: LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN –TOP THREE PRIORITIES**

Councillor J R Potts provided an outline for this Agenda item. It was discussed that the Planning and Development Committee is to submit three larger issues and 3 smaller issues for the consideration to the local transport plan.

A report from Cllr C Bruce regarding traffic and speeding on Union Street was discussed by the Committee. Councillor J R Potts commented that a traffic calming survey had already been conducted and that NCC had found no exceptional speeding issues. The NCC local transport plan should be updated to show the conclusion of these surveys. **Action: SER.**

The Mayor, Councillor R Parker commented as to plans for road maintenance and consultation from Northumberland County Council. The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that he was still seeking a response from the County Council and had been disappointed with the initial response.

The Committee then discussed the proposed gateway feature at the Bebside Roundabout and wider issues around the roundabout. It was commented that Northumberland County Council had expressed concerns regarding the plans.

The three strategic priorities **AGREED** were:

- Cowpen Road/ access to Blyth Town Centre
- Ashington, Blyth and Tyne Line.
- 20 mph zones outside of the Town's Schools.

The three local scheme priorities **AGREED** were:

- Cowpen/Briardale Road Junction
- Lighting on the Spine Road
- Cycle crossing on the A1061

It was also **AGREED** that Northumberland County Council are to be contacted regarding the traffic conditions on Union Street, especially given the opening of the former Wallaw Cinema as a licensed premises. **Action: SER.**

### **052/13/07: GYPSY, ROMA, TRAVELLER TRANSIT SITE**

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that he had received no update regarding the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller transit site.

### **053/13/08: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that he had been in contact with the RTPI regarding terms of engagement with the local planner and noted that there was potential for Mr G Garnham to be invited to an upcoming meeting.

Councillor J R Potts enquired as to whether any preliminary work was to be conducted prior to engagement. The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that this was to be chased up and the Committee would be copied into any correspondence relating to this. **Action: SER.**

### **054/13/09: TOWN CENTRE BENCHMARKING**

Councillor J R Potts provided an outline of the Town Centre Benchmarking scheme. It was noted that 16 towns were involved and that the Town Council would be provided with qualitative and quantitative data.

It was also commented that this information and a link to the survey was to be placed across the Town Council's online platforms in order to engage with as many people as possible.

Councillor R Parker commented that there was a need to explore with regards budgeting for future and continuations for the benchmarking scheme.

Councillor A Gibbs-Barton enquired as to whether we are members of Action for Market Towns. The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that this was to be investigated. **Action: SER.**

### **055/13/10: CENTRAL LINK ROAD**

The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that there were no updates regarding the Central Link Road.

### **056/13/11: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND URGENT MATTERS**

Councillor A Cartie enquired as to whether there were any updates regarding the modular buildings at Horton Grange Primary School. The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that the agreement was 34

weeks and he is to confirm the start date for the project with the County Council. **Action: SER.**

Potential training opportunities regarding planning were discussed by the Committee. The Town Clerk (Democratic Services) commented that he would be seeking the authority to arrange training and potentially host the planning event in co-operation with the RTPI up to the cost of £500.

This was **AGREED** by the Committee. **Action SER.**

### **057/13/12: DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was **AGREED** that the next scheduled Meeting is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber at Arms Everytne House.

### **MEETING CLOSED AT 8.15 pm**

**Date:**

**Signed:**

### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

Cllr G T Knox (Chair)  
Cllr J R Potts (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr A Cartie  
Cllr B W Elliott  
Cllr A Gibbs-Barton  
Cllr K Nisbet  
Cllr R Parker (Mayor)  
Cllr G Thompson  
Cllr A Turnbull

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