



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the Planning & Development Sub Committee held on Thursday 1 October 2020 at 4.30 pm

Present:

Councillors: J R Potts (Chair), A Cartie (Vice-Chair), K Nisbet, M Richardson, S Stanger, W Taylor

Also present: Councillor G Thompson

Officers:

J Hughes, Town Clerk

M Hawthorne, Committee Clerk

K Lawson, Customer Services & Admin Assistant

Members of the Public: 0

The Chair asked members to observe a minute's silence to remember Councillor Olga Potts. Councillor Potts had a keen interest in planning and was Vice Chair of Planning in Blyth Valley.

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence M Wilkinson, Deputy Town Clerk
2	Disclosure of Interests Grant of Dispensations There were no disclosures of interest.
3	Minutes of the Planning & Development Sub Committee held on 12 September 2019 The minutes were noted as a true record.

4	<p>Planning Application List</p> <p>Please see attached planning list with comments - this has been forwarded to NCC.</p> <p>It was noted that there are four additional planning applications which require a response.</p>
5	<p>Seaton Valley Local Plan</p> <p>The Chair gave some background information with regard to the plan; it is at the third stage, for consultation and will then be updated for examination. A lot of discussion took place around this plan as well as what a local plan brings to a Council.</p> <p>It was agreed that a response will be sent to Seaton Valley to say that BTC have considered the plan, which is a good one, and have no proposed changes.</p>
6	<p>Proposed Closure of Telephone boxes in Blyth (see attached) - Response to NCC consultation.</p> <p>There is a proposal to close two telephone boxes in Blyth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craster Close - members recommend that this telephone box is retained as it is used. • Broadway/Plessey Road – no comment to make as this one is not used. <p>Concerns were raised about the state of the telephone boxes in Church Street and Bowes Street. It was agreed that this will be raised at Full Council as part of the Bowes Street improvement scheme.</p>
7	<p>Local Transport Plan Feedback 2021/2022</p> <p>The Chair explained that the LTP list comprises of any transport or highways requests. BTC have to select their top 3 priorities. Members discussed the list and agreed the following:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIX86FE3 – parked vehicles block view from junction with Jet Petrol Station. East View onto Plessey Road, Blyth. NE24 3LU • 58398V67 – change grassed area into more parking spaces. Shelley Crescent, Blyth. NE24 5RJ • Relocation of the existing zebra crossing at the junction of Park Road/Plessey Road. The crossing is too near the junctions and causes sight line problems for both pedestrians and drivers. Proposal is to move the crossing further away from the junction and erect barriers to prevent people from trying to cross the road at the site of the original pedestrian crossing. <p>The Committee Clerk will forward the above to NCC.</p>
8	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>
9	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the Planning & Development Sub-Committee is topic dependent.</p>

Members of the Planning & Development Sub-Committee

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 D Carr
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