

**Minutes of the Planning Meeting of North Petherton Town Council held at North Petherton Bowling Club on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7:30 pm.**

**Members Present:** Cllr J Taylor (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Cllr P Spencer, Cllr J Hesketh, Cllr Mrs M Denham, Cllr W Revans, Cllr J Barham, Cllr R Ives and Cllr P Knight

**In attendance:** R T Latham (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr A Bradford, Cllr D Parry, Cllr G Jones and Cllr Mrs H Phillips.

**P29/2015 Declarations of Interest.** Cllr P Knight declared an interest in application number 37/15/00037 and left the room whilst this matter was discussed.

**P30/2015 Community Time.** Nothing was raised under this item.

**P31/2015 Minutes. Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015 be approved as a true record.

**P32/2015 Matters Arising.** In response to a question, the Clerk updated Members on the current situation regarding hanging baskets. Former councillor D Edwards had indicated that he would be prepared to continue to act as Footpath Liaison Officer, whilst Cllr R Ives learned the ropes, and the Clerk agreed to write and thank him. Cllr Revans reported that the application for change of use at Haddon Farm, which the Council had objected to, primarily because of the unsuitability of the access, had been approved. Members were unhappy with the decision and could not understand why the Highways Authority had, contrary to their actions on previous occasions, not raised any objections. Members who had been present at the District Council Development Committee also expressed concern about the way that the application had been dealt with.

**Resolved:** that the Clerk write to the Highways Authority to ask them to explain their actions in relation to the application.

**P33/2015 Applications Received.** Members considered applications received and **resolved** to make the detailed recommendations as set out in the attached table.

**P34/2015 Matters of Report.** The following matters were reported:

The latest position regarding the repairs to the railway bridge was explained and Cllr Taylor also reported on proposals by the Environment Agency to erect "bunds" in various locations to prevent flooding.

**Resolved:** that the Clerk write to Mr N Gumpter at the Agency to appraise him of the need to provide bunds in the Baymead area to protect a significant number of properties from flooding in the future.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm

<b>Number</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
37/15/00033 <i>18<sup>th</sup> May 2015</i>	4 Tappers Lane, North Petherton, TA6 6SH	Erection of single storey extension to rear (North) elevation, partly on site of existing (to be demolished)	<b>Support</b>
37/15/00034 <i>29<sup>th</sup> May 2015</i>	Sabato House, Old Road, North Petherton, TA6 6TF	Conversion of garage to living accommodation and erection of single storey side extension (South elevation)	<b>Support</b>
37/15/00037 <i>1<sup>st</sup> June 2015</i>	Hyde Barn, High Street, North Petherton, TA6 6NH	Erection of a two storey extension to North elevation and single storey extension to side (West) elevation. <i>Re-application following refusal – previously raised no objection.</i>	<b>Support as it will improve the housing stock</b>
37/15/00038 <i>4<sup>th</sup> June 2015</i>	Land to the West of Great House Farm, North Newton TA7 0BN	Retention of 16 solar panels	<b>No objection, but concern expressed about the number of retrospective applications. (Cllr Mrs Denham voted against this).</b>
37/15/00035	Land at rear of Somerset Bridge Medical Centre, Taunton Road, Bridgwater TA 6 6LD	Retention vehicle wash bay	<b>No Objection</b>

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**Agenda item 6**