

North Petherton Town Council

Planning

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held at the North Petherton Bowling Club on 17th November 2015

Committee Members Present :- Councillor J Barham
Councillor A Bradford
Councillor Mrs M Denham
Councillor J Hesketh
Councillor Mrs L Hyde
Councillor R Ives
Councillor Mrs H Phillips
Councillor W Revans
Councillor P Spencer

Also in Attendance :- County Cllr R J Brown
Mr N Tait Sedgemoor DC
Rod Latham Town Clerk

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P79/2015 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr J Taylor and Cllr G Jones

P80/2015 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest

P81/2015 Community Time

Nick Tait, the Planning Policy Officer from Sedgemoor DC gave a presentation on the draft new local plan which was being consulted upon. It was a comprehensive presentation on an important topic and it generated a range of comments and questions. These included:

Concern that Wilstock and Stockmoor were being treated as part of Bridgwater for planning purposes, although they were part of North Petherton and were marketed and styled as villages;

Widespread concern about local schools being over crowded and the lack of educational facilities generally;

Transport links and infrastructure issues were a continuing problem in terms of congestion and safety, the matter of a by-pass was raised;

Rural housing for local people needed to be addressed;

Some sites that had been rejected on previous occasions now seemed to be back on the table.

Members also discussed the relationship between the Local Plan the Neighbour Plan exercise that the council was embarking upon.

Resolved:

That Mr Tait be thanked for his presentation, and that the Council consider its response to the consultation at a future meeting.

P82/2015 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th October were approved as a correct record..

P83/2015 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

P84/2015 New Planning Applications for Consideration

Cllr Spencer took the .Chair for this item

P84/2015- 1 37/15/00074 Plot Ref :- Type :- Full
Applicant Name :- Somerset County Council Date Received :- 05/11/2015
Location :- Former Somerset Bridge CP Sch. Date Returned :- 20/11/2015
Hamp Bridge
TA6 6LG
Proposal : Erection of two classroom extension
Observations : Support on the grounds that the facilities are much needed

P84/2015- 2 37/15/00075 Plot Ref :- Type :- Full
Applicant Name :- Bloor Homes South West Date Received :- 10/11/2015
Location :- Land at Campion Way Date Returned :- 20/11/2015
North Petherton
Wilstock
TA5 2EZ
Proposal : To vary condition 1 of Planning permission 37/12/00040, erection of 71 dwellings , to
change the material layout
Observations : No objection

P84/2015- 3 37/15/00076 Plot Ref :- Type :-
Applicant Name :- Mr S Notaro Date Received :- 10/11/2015
Location :- Dyers Farm Date Returned :- 20/11/2015
TA7 0AS
Proposal : Landscaping and remodelling of site ground levels to provide flood defences
Observations : No objection

P84/2015- 4 37/15/00077 Plot Ref :- Type :-
Applicant Name :- Mr J Broughton Date Received :- 10/11/2015
Location :- Impens Farm Date Returned :- 20/11/2015
Petherton Road
TA7 0BB
Proposal : Removal of lean- to extension to South elevation of farm house, installation of bay
window and additional verandah in place of demolished lean-to; amendments to
landscaping, including provision of parking for the farmhouse, guest parking for
farmhouse including access drive and parking for Impens Coach House, located
within curtilage of the property
Observations : No objection

P85/2015 Items for Payment

The following items were approved for payment:

A Sutton £92.00
GWB Services £961.00
GWB Services £140.00
Sedgemoor DC £270.00
Greenslades £872.72
T J Print £122.40
Aspen Services £112.28
British Legion £150.00

P86/2015 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported the current position

P87/2015 Vacancy

The Clerk reported on responses received regarding the vacancy on the council.

Resolved; that the matter be discussed further at the next council meeting.

P88/2015 Next Meeting

The Clerk reminded Members that the next Planning Meeting would be held on Monday 14th December at 7:00 pm at Ferrydown House, North Petherton, to be followed by a presentation to Mrs Anne Hodges with regard to the Council's decision to make her a Freeman of the Town. Refreshments were being provided and guests were welcome.

P89/2015 Matters of Report

Cllr Barham questioned what was happening regarding the Allotments Sub Committee, as the Chairman Cllr Knight, had not been present at recent meetings.

Cllr Ives reported on the success of "operation muddy boots" which had involved children planting daffodils in the area.

Cllr Spencer updated Members on progress on the draft financial plan.

It was agreed to postpone the meeting of the Playing Fields Charitable Trust scheduled to take place after this meeting.

The Meeting closed at : 9:30 pm

Signed : _____ Chairman Date: _____

On behalf of :- North Petherton Town Council