

North Petherton Town Council

Planning

Minutes of the Planning Meeting of North Petherton Town Council held at Ferrydown House, North Petherton at 7:30 on 15th August 2016

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

Also in Attendance :- County Councillor R Brown
Mr R Latham Clerk

P65/2016 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs M Denham and Cllr J Taylor

P66/2016 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Bradford stated that he would not be taking part in item 06, due to his position on the Planning Committee at Sedgemoor DC. (Cllr P Spencer took the Chair for this item.)

P67/2016 Community Time

No matters were raised.

P68/2016 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2016 were approved as a correct record.

P69/2016 Matters Arising

Cllr Mrs Phillips asked about the parking problem on Champion Way. The Clerk replied that he had written to the developers, but had not yet received a reply. He agreed to send a follow up letter.

Cllr Revans undertook to contact the Community Payback scheme with a view to work being done to tidy up the area.

Cllr MacLaurin reported on progress made by Bloors on re-instating their former compound area in Wilstock.

The Clerk reported that he had received a request for further information from the Senior Planning Officer at Sedgemoor DC regarding the Council's decision to object to the application for a change of use at Somerset View Caravan Park. It was agreed that he explain the the comments were based local concerns that the site would be used primarily for long term occupation and that this would place a significant strain on both the on site facilities and off site infrastructure such as health and public transport with little prospect of these services being provided with additional funds to cope with the extra demands.

P70/2016 New Planning Applications for Consideration

The following applications were considered.

P70/2016- 1	37/16/00055	Plot Ref :-	Type :-	Full
	Applicant Name :-	E Farrant	Date Received :-	
	Location :-	Greenfield Adsborough Lane Adsborough TA2 8RP	Date Returned :-	
	Proposal :	Erection of two storey extension to East elevation, partly on site of existing, including garage (to be demolished) and two storey extension to North elevation (amended scheme).		
		5th August		

P71/2016 Items for Payment

The following payments were approved:

B Sellick	£1,200.00
Crimson Hill Support	£75.00
Crimson Hill Support	£95.00
A Sutton	£92.00
A B Memorials	£415.00
EDF	£33.81
Greenslades	£895.91
Somerset Rural Youth Project	£4,000.00

P72/2016 Neighbourhood Plan

Members discussed progress on the Neighbourhood Plan and planning matters in general, following the recent meeting with representatives of the Planning Authority. The Clerk presented a brief summary of the issues arising from the meeting. It was generally felt to have been a very worthwhile meeting and after some discussion it was

Resolved: that

- a. Further thought be given to allocating primary responsibility to individual councillors to research applications in particular areas, to try and ensure that all applications were thoroughly assessed
- b. The Clerk write again to the Director at Somerset County Council to see if representatives from the Highways team would attend a meeting similar to the one with the Planning Authority.
- c. Planning officers be asked if they could share any relevant information arising from pre-application meetings.
- d. The Clerk add the requirement to provide expert advice on specific applications as and when this was felt to be needed, (such advice to cover planning and highways aspects), to the brief that was about to be issued relating to the Neighbourhood Plan.
- e. Where appropriate the Highways team at the County Council be made aware of local concerns about the transport implications of individual applications so that these could be taken into account before their formal response was made

P73/2016 Matters of Report

Cllr Bradford expressed his dissatisfaction with the standard of hedge cutting and roadside maintenance work that was being undertaken, probably as a result of financial cutbacks. It was agreed that the questions of providing skips and organising community clean up schemes be considered at the pre-budget review.

Cllr Hesketh raised the matter of a banner advertising the forthcoming "Party in the Park" which had been placed on the fence around the Memorial Playing fields.

Cllr Revans informed the meeting that the wall by the footpath at Pilots Helm had been repaired.

Cllr Phillips asked the Clerk to write to Mr Mitchell, and also reported that a bid was being submitted to the Sedgemoor Council's Leisure Fund by the Timebank CIC to provide outdoor gym equipment in Wilstock and Stockmoor. It was agreed that the Council should send a letter of support.

Cllr Mrs Spelman Ives asked that an additional bin be provided in Wilstock. It was agreed to put this in the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Cllr Barham asked that Wessex Water be contacted again to seek a response to the damaged wall at the allotments.

Cllr Bradford stated that, as one of the nominees for the Alfred Jewel Award could be present at the Civic Ceremony, he, after consulting Cllr Spencer, had invited Mrs L N to receive a reward. Members supported his action

The Meeting closed at : 9:05 pm

Signed :

Chairman

Date:

On behalf of :-

North Petherton Town Council