

North Petherton Town Council
Planning

Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 12th April 2022 in the small hall of North Petherton Community Centre commencing at 7:15pm

Committee Members present: Cllr L. Parchment Chairman, Cllr A. Bradford, Cllr J Taylor, Cllr Mrs L Spelman-Ives and Cllr J. Taylor

Also In Attendance. Cllr Mrs. L. Hyde, Mrs S .Ferguson Locum Clerk and two representatives from Enso Green Holdings Ltd.

P29/2022. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr B. Sellick, Cllr Mr P. Spencer and Cllr. Mrs L. Dennis-Smith

P30/2022 Declarations of interests.

Cllr Mrs L. Spelman-Ives declared an interest in Item 9 -37/21/00149

P31/2022 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2022 were agreed as a correct record, with one small correction that Cllr Mrs L. Hyde was not a member of the Committee, however, was in attendance. There were no matters arising.

P32/2022 Community Time

There were no members of the public present. The Chairman re-ordered the agenda to allow the representatives from Enso Green Holdings to address the Committee on Item 7 -37/22/00013, Impens Farm. The representatives had last spoken to the Committee last October and since then had consulted with residents listened to the views of the Sedgemoor Landscape Officer. The fence line is to be pushed back and more trees planted. Points raised by Councillors were: Had the Quantocks Officer foe AONB been consulted? Would the sheep cause damage to cables? What publicity had been carried out? Could the left-hand side 50 acres be reconsidered? What was the life of the panels? All these questions were answered by the representatives who thanked the Town Council for their time.

P33/2022 37/22/00013

Installation of solar farm and battery storage facility with associated infrastructure. **Observations:** Following the above presentation the Members voted to Support the application on the grounds of sustainability. There was one abstention.

P34/2202 New Planning Applications for consideration.

37/22/00008 Land at CP School, Somerset Bridge, Hamp Bridge, North Petherton. Outline application with some matters reserved for the erection of 44no. dwellings and two storey office. Amended application.

Observations: Uphold previous objection to the application on the grounds of inadequate access to the development and too many dwellings proposed.

37/22/00021 and 37/22/00022 The Cider House, Road from Dancing Hill, Woolmersdon. Erection of single storey (SW) extension with alterations internally and externally (part retrospective) Second part for listed Building consent. **Observations:** No Comment.

37/22/00001 Dunns Cottage, Maunsel Road, North Newton, Bridgwater . Erection of a garage, formation of a new access, parking area, and erection of a single storey extension to barn. Amendments have been made.

Observations: Uphold Objection as not in keeping with the street scene.

37/31/00149 Newton Brook Caravan Camping and Storage Ltd. Land at Holmwood Farm, Spanish Hill, North Newton, Bridgwater. Variation of Condition 4 of Planning Permission 37/14/00048 (Change of use of land from agricultural to caravan and camping site with 100 pitches and storage for 100 touring caravans and motorhomes, erection of shower block, site reception building, wardens' mobile home and formation of access) to remove occupancy condition and allow all year tourism use and use of accommodation for Hinkley Point C workers until 31st December 2025. This application has been significantly amended.

Observations: Support to reduce pressure on local housing. Cllr Mrs. L. Spelman-Ives abstained as declaration of Interest had been declared.

P35/2022 Items for payment

It was resolved to approve the following payments and cheques were issued:

1. Newtfib= £570.00 Jubilee Grant
2. GWB Services = £ 3,366.60 Street Cleaning and maintenance
3. GWB Services = £755.00 Toilets (breakdown requested for information purposes)
4. NPPCT = £50.00 Inspections of Play area.

P36/2022 Matter of Report

The suggestion of a name for the development at Batts Farm was debated , but the Members voted against Batts Park, and still prefer Batts Meadow

Cllr. J. Taylor spoke about the Patient Participation Scheme. There are too few GPs for the local area and a new larger surgery is needed.

Cllr. Mrs. L. Spelman -Ives reported a major pothole. She will report to Fix My Street online

Cllr. Mrs. L. Hyde spoke about the new, one-metre-wide tarmac footpath which would be laid from the car park to the small hall at the Community Centre, and the need for an accessible door for wheelchair and pushchair access.

Cllr. A. Bradford suggested a consolidation period to see how the building was meeting the needs of the Town Council and Library before looking at the next steps of progression.

Cllr. L. Parchment suggested the Finance/ Development Committee and Annual Town Meeting on the 25th of April be postponed in the light of the forthcoming elections of 5th May , until the Annual Meeting of the Town Council on 16th May 2022. Items of regular payment be delegated to the Consultant Town Clerk and Mayor for continuation of business.

The meeting ended at 8.39pm

Signed:----- Chairman Date : -----

On behalf of : North Petherton Town Council