



ATTLEBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee Held on Monday, 7 November 2016 at 6.00pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Cllr J Burton - presiding
Cllr T Crouch Cllr V Dale Cllr J Williams
Cllr K Montague Cllr T Perkins
In attendance – Gina Lopes – Clerk to Attleborough Town Council
 Anne Willett – Clerk's Assistant
 Dist. Cllr K Martin
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075.16) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted as follows:

Cllr S Taylor	-	personal
Cllr T Taylor	-	personal
Cllr M Weaver	-	work
Cllr R Bond	-	work
Cllr E Tyrer	-	School Governors Meeting
Cllr G Ellis	-	unwell

076.16) Declarations of Interest

a) To consider declarations of interest in respect of items below

Declarations of interest received as below:

Cllr Perkins - 3PL/2016/1211/CU – 1 and 2 Fettlebridge Cottages (personal)

b) To receive any requests for dispensation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest -

None received

077.16) Public Participation

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned to allow the public to speak – see “Public Participation Notes” attached

078.16) Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 17 October 2016

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 17 October 2016 as a true and accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman duly signed the minutes.

Cllr Burton confirmed that he had met with Mr Langley after the last meeting and Cllr Perkins and Cllr Dale also attended. Cllr Perkins gave a verbal update of the informal meeting held for members' information.

079.16) Decision notices received to-date

Decisions notices received as below – Noted for information

3PL/2016/0543/F – Grants Cottage, West Carr Road – Detached dwelling – Approved subject to conditions.

3PL/2016/0966/HOU – Church Road Cottage, Shropham Road – Detached single storey garden building ancillary to the dwelling – Approved subject to conditions.

3PL/2016/0390/F Land adjoining 15 Mill Lane – Erect dwelling with existing garage facility & 4 parking spaces – Approved subject to conditions.

3PL/2016/1038/O – 10 Cyprus Road – Erection of 2 bungalows – Refusal.

3PL/2016/0962/D – Gregorville, London Road – Erection of dwelling & garage – Approved subject to conditions – Briefly discussed as concerns previously raised

3PL/2016/1074/VAR – 133 Ollands Road – Rear & side extension to bungalow (revised scheme) to 3PL/2016/0143/HOU – Approved subject to conditions

080.16) Correspondence

a) Car Parks – cost implications of Transfer from Breckland – The likely legal fees advised from Breckland District Council were considered by members and there was a short discussion regarding the possibility of leasing the car parks and the previous suggestion to pilot a time restriction.

RESOLVED that the Clerk respond advising Breckland District Council that members did not wish to proceed until they have made further investigations into the management of car parks

b) Breckland Local Plan Consultation – Council member’s response – Noted for information.

c) 3PL/2016/0486/H – Change of use from agricultural to burial site & outline for 15 dwellings – Deferred – Noted for information.

d) Attleborough Post Office -

i) Dormer window - Further to a previous query, the Clerk advised that she had obtained the plans for the original application in 2006 and members noted that several dormer windows were shown

ii) Proposed move to new premises & branch modernisation consultation – There was a lengthy discussion regarding the closure of the post office and relocation to new premises. Members were disappointed that they had not been provided with accurate and complete information prior to the consultation period. The importance of the Post Office within the town, particularly with the projected growth, was emphasized.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would respond to the consultation expressing members’ extreme concern and the need to be able to collect parcels in town, not just at Dodds Road, to request that the current Post Office is not closed until alternative premises are available to ensure there is a continuous service particularly as the Christmas period approaches

081.16) Planning Applications received to-date

After consideration of the following planning applications, it was

RESOLVED to recommend as below:

3PL/2016/1220/VAR – Land behind 1 Albermarle Terrace, London Road – variation of condition 2 on 3PL/2014/0233/F, re positioning of garage, removal of en suite and change size of bi folding doors - Approve

3PL/2016/1211/CU – 1 and 2 Fettlebridge Cottages London Road – Change of use of land and buildings from residential to Hotel and Leisure (C3 to C1) - Approve

3PL/2016/1294/F – Land adjoining 3 Bracken Drive – Two storey dwelling – Refuse as overdevelopment of site and infill

082.16 Konnect Buses - Attleborough Buses

Steve Royal, Operations Manager & David Smith, Commercial Manager, gave the following update on the bus service: -

- Pre November 2015 Konectbus operated service 6A from Attleborough via Wymondham to Norwich and service X6 between Attleborough direct along the A11 to Norwich. Both routes operated on an hourly frequency providing 2 buses each hour all day.
- It was felt at the time that this level of service was not required all day and subsequently changes made in November 2015 resulted in commuter and peak shopping journeys only on the X6 with some additional journeys on the 6A at peak times only.
- At the time it was felt, and indeed proved, that this level of frequency catered for the majority of those using the buses and patronage has stayed stable since.
- Like many towns in Norfolk, development is continuing with many new houses built in the last 12 months and we now feel the time is right to look to further enhance the level of bus services from Attleborough, not only to Norwich but also explore other opportunities where links do not exist or could be improved.
- Attleborough, along with Wymondham, Hethersett and the villages such as Great Ellingham are seeing more and more housing given permission. Growth on the routes already operating suggest we need to plan for the near future.
- Attleborough Town Council has also identified links that could benefit those who live/work or commute and these ideas and suggestions are what we need to discuss and see what can be achieved both in the short and long term development of our bus routes

There was a discussion and points raised by members included the following: -

- The need for a direct bus service to the hospital
- The absence of any transport going to Thetford
- Suggestion that competition for transport to London could be good
- Provision of buses to the hospital and university would benefit the elderly and also employees of these sites
- Ideally there should be a bus service to all major towns across East Anglia
- A need to work together
- The dualling of the A11 had made a significant difference and able to guarantee times to Thetford
- Noted that not all passengers wanted to only go to Norwich and need to consider other opportunities eg to Diss to link with the rail connections for Ipswich and London
- Abellio have now been awarded the rail contract and are talking to Konnect and there may be new opportunities to link the buses and trains
- The Neighbourhood Plan group have met with Abellio and have highlighted the need for a transport hub in town and Abellio have designs to reconfigure the car park by the station

The Chairman thanked Mr Royal and his colleague for attending

082.16) Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 21 November 2016

The meeting closed at 6.55pm

Public Participation Notes:

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak and points raised included the following:

Dist. Cllr K Martin raised concern regarding the previous application for 7 Edenside Drive, it was originally approved and then it became apparent that there were advertisements for staff, carers and support workers and that the proposed use had changed significantly. Cllr Martin had noted that on the previous Friday the car park was full. Dist Cllr Martin will be attending a meeting on this application – The Chairman confirmed that the Council had responded to the original application and subsequently written to express concerns when the changes had been reported. The Clerk was asked to write to Breckla;nd planning and reiterate the concerns