

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2017**

PRESENT:

Cllrs Michael Haley, Mrs Anne Skipworth, Adam Lowe, Mrs Joyce Lucas BEM, Paul Buxton, Nick Woodley, Martin Brookes

Due to the absence of the outgoing Chairman Cllr Peter Ind, Cllr Michael Haley opened the meeting.

36/17 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were invited to appoint a Chairman. 3 nominations were received.

- (i) Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Buxton to elect Cllr Lowe
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Woodley to elect Cllr Brookes
- (iii) Proposed by Cllr Buxton, seconded by Cllr Lowe to elect Cllr Buxton

Cllr Brookes withdraw his nomination and the vote was 4 votes for Cllr Lowe and no votes for Cllr Buxton, therefore Cllr Lowe was elected as Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year

A point of order was raised. It was noted that Cllr Brookes was in breach of the rules by not complying with the Councils protocol on the use of recording equipment. He repeatedly refused the Chairman's instruction to place his recording equipment on the designated table

37/17 APOLOGIES – Standing Order 1(u)

- (i) None were received

38/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (i) Cllr Brookes declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7 (ii). Cllr Brookes stated he would remain in the room and participate in discussions and any vote
- (ii) Cllr Haley declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7 (xi). Cllr Haley stated he would remain in the room and participate in discussions and any vote
- (iii) Cllr Lowe declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7 (ii). Cllr Lowe stated he would remain in the room and participate in discussions and any vote
- (iv) Cllr Lucas declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7 (vi). Cllr Lucas stated she would remain in the room but would not participate in any discussions or vote

39/17 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Nominations were invited to appoint a Vice Chairman. 3 nominations were received.

- (i) Proposed by Cllr Haley, seconded by Cllr Skipworth to elect Cllr Buxton
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Woodley to elect Cllr Brookes
- (iii) Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Skipworth to elect Cllr Lucas

Cllr Brookes withdraw his nomination and the vote was 3 votes for Cllr Lucas, 3 votes for Cllr Buxton and the Chairman using his casting vote, therefore Cllr Lucas was elected as Vice Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year

40/17 MINUTES – (Appendix A)

It was proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 17th October 2017

41/17 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

42/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following applications received to date:

- (i) 2017/0939/FUL Mr Cooper
Demolish existing garage block and replace with a detached dwelling house
Land to South of 1 Crown Street
The members felt they were unable to comment due to insufficient information
but have concerns what the restrictions will have on the town's improvements and
resident parking
- (ii) 2017/0940/FUL Mr Maheswaran
Adding roller shutters to shop window
Costcutter, 61-63 Willow Crescent
Recommend approval with the proviso that all the shutters remain up
during opening hours.
Proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and unanimously resolved
- (iii) 2017/0942/LBA Mr Reading
Remedial works to car park boundary wall
The White Lion, 30 Melton Road
Recommend approval with the proviso RCC to check the integrity of the wall
Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Buxton and unanimously resolved
- (iv) 2017/0959/PTA Blandamer
Remove lowest branch of 1 Mo. Goat Willow overhanging field T1
Treetops, 45 Stamford Road
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Brookes and resolved with 6 votes for
and 1 abstention
- (v) 2017/0963/FUL Mr Patel
Single storey rear extension
West Road Dental Practice, 71 West Road
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Haley, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved with 3 votes for
and 3 against. As the Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest, Cllr Lowe was
unable to use his casting vote so therefore the motion fell

It was then recommended approval on the proviso that RCC review resident only
parking
Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Woodley and resolved with 4 votes for
and 3 abstentions

*Having declared a non-pecuniary interest in the next item, Cllr Lucas took no part in
the discussion or vote.*

- (vi) 2017/0970/FUL Mr Hallum
Proposed porch & replacement of flat roof to pitched over garage/porch
18 Lonsdale Way

- Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Haley and resolved with 6 votes for and 1 abstention
- (vii) 2017/0971/FUL Mrs Ramshaw
Single storey porch extension
33 Tyne Road
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Lucas and unanimously resolved
- (viii) 2017/0977/FUL Mr Smith
Change of use from antiques warehouse to gym (D2). Minor external alterations to building
Unit 1, Pillings Road
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Haley and unanimously resolved
- (ix) 2017/0978/ADV Mr Smith
1 no Fascia sign on front elevation
Unit 1, 27 Pillings Road
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Buxton and unanimously resolved
- (x) 2017/0983/PTA
1 no. Pissard's Plum tree (T1) – Remove, poor specimen and in poor health. 1 no. Snake Bark Maple (T2) – Reduce height by 1.5-2m and reduce lateral branches to balance shape – to make it smaller
2 Summerfield
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Haley and resolved with 6 votes for and 1 abstention
- (xi) 2017/0989/OUT Burley Estate Farm Partnership
Outline application for the erection of up to 40 dwellings with associated open space, landscaping and infrastructure (access for detailed consideration with all other matters reserved for future consideration).
Allotment Gardens, Brooke Road
Recommend refusal on the grounds of infrastructure and road system
Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Brookes and was resolved with 3 votes for, 1 against and 3 abstentions

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.36pm

Signed: _____

Chairman
21 November 2017