

Northam Town Council – Minutes of the Zoom Planning Meeting held 12th May 2021 at 6.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Davis (Chairman), Hames, Hodson, Laws, Manley, Newman McKie, Sargent, Shelley and Tisdale

In attendance: Mr G Langton – Deputy Town Clerk
Cllr H McCarthy – non-committee member

2105/045 Election of the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr K Davis as Chairman of the Committee.
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Manley (all in favour)

2105/046 Election of the Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr P Hames as Vice Chairman of the Committee.
Proposed: Cllr Davis, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)

2105/047 Apologies

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllr Laws

2105/048 Chairman's announcements

There were none.

2105/049 Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that all interests should be declared prior to the item being discussed.

2105/050 To agree the agenda as published

It was noted that there were some typographical errors on the agenda at item 8 as published, which the Deputy Town Clerk advised would be corrected in these minutes. A missing paper related to agenda item 7 had been published on the Council's website and was tabled at the meeting.

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda with the noted corrections.
Proposed: Cllr Laws, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)

2105/051 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Planning meeting held 29th April 2021

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes of the Planning meeting held 29th April 2021 as a correct record. They would be signed at a later date.

Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Manley (8 members were in favour, 1 abstained)

2105/052 Public Participation

It was noted that Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. The period of time which is designated for public participation in accordance with standing orders shall not exceed 15 minutes.

2015/053 To note the letter of consultation to residents re Chichester Development Plans for NOR02 – Land west of Buckleigh Road (herewith)

The Committee noted that, in relation to planning proposals across the Town Council area, the Town Council could undertake proactive work with Torridge District Council through the District Ward members to focus the detail of section 106 and highways

agreements entered into with the developers. These could include affordable housing, health provision, leisure and play, cycleways and pavements, and environmental matters. The intention would be to maximise the benefit for all residents across the Northam Town area, new and existing.

2105/054

Torrige District Council Planning Applications:

Torrige District Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from the Town Council on the following planning applications:

1/0435/2021/FUL

Location: Treesides, Durrant Lane, Northam, Bideford

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Clements

Proposal: Chalet Style Bungalow and integral garage.

It was **resolved** to recommend to Torrige District Council that this application be **approved**.

Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Manley (7 in favour, 1 against, with 1 abstention)

GE/0319/2021

Location: Cornborough Road, Nr Buckleigh Road, Westward Ho!

Applicant: British Telecom

Proposal: Removal of Payphone

It was **resolved** to recommend to Torrige District Council that this application be **refused** on the following grounds:

This was the only remaining public access payphone in the area, an area notorious locally for intermittent mobile phone signal reception. The location was a focal point for the local community, with 5 roads connecting close by, the site of a number of vehicle accidents. This would be compounded by the number of houses to be erected south of the location as part of Torrige District Plan policy NOR02.

Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Shelley (all in favour)

1/0461/2021/FUL

Location: High Ho, 34 Dudley Way, Westward Ho!

Applicant: Mr Clements

Proposal: Proposed dormer

It was **resolved** to recommend to Torrige District Council that this application be **approved**.

Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Sargent (all in favour)

1/0472/2021/REMM

Location: Atlantic Flatlets, 7 Atlantic Way, Westward Ho!

Applicant: Mr B King

Proposal: Reserved matters application for the demolition of existing bedsits and the erection of 16 flats pursuant to application 1/1106/2016/OUTM

It was noted that as part of the response to Covid-19, planning expiry dates had been extended across the board so the plans developers and householders were not adversely affected.

It was **resolved** to submit to Torrige District Council to the below **comments** regarding this application:

Northam Town Council would like it noted that whilst it was in favour of the original outline proposal as approved, most especially the detail of the Section 106 agreement in relation to affordable housing, for which there was locally a significant need, it could **not be in favour** of the detail of the proposals included in this reserved matters application.

The Town Council believes that the design of the building must be revisited and revised to ensure it would be more in keeping with the local street scene. The proposed structure was considered monolithic in design, which would have a significant negative effect on the nearby listed buildings, contrary to TDC Local Plan policy DM07: Historic Environment.

The Town Council would be approaching the Ward Member to call this proposal before the Torridge District Council Plans Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Hodson, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (7 in favour, 2 against)

2105/055 Torridge District Council Planning Decisions

Members **noted** that Torridge District Council, the determining Authority, had approved the following applications with conditions as filed:

1/0168/2021/FUL

Location: 1 Hillcliff Terrace, Irsha Street, Appledore

Proposal: Provision of 2 new dormer windows and internal alterations
(*Northam recommended approval*)

1/0208/2021/FUL

Location: 3 Clevelands Park, Northam

Proposal: Part retrospective construction of Double Garage (Resubmission of application 1/0409/2015/FUL) (*Northam recommended approval*)

1/0203/2021/FUL

Location: Marshwood, Pitt Lane, Appledore

Proposal: Replacement and extension of existing decking
(*Northam recommended approval*)

1/0289/2021/TRE

Location: The Oak Tree, Heywood Road

Proposal: Works to tree covered by Tree Preservation Order- (Trimming and Pruning) (*Northam recommended approval*)

1/0265/2021/FUL

Location: 84 J.H.Taylor Drive, Northam

Proposal: Two storey extension (Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission 1/0394/2019/FUL) (*Northam recommended approval*)

There being no further business the meeting finished at 18:55pm

Signed..... Dated.....