

## Barnstaple Town Council

### Planning and Transportation Committee

#### **MINUTES of a PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE meeting held on THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2017 at 7.00pm in the Main Hall, The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple.**

Committee Members Present :- Councillor S Upcott  
Councillor F Vernon  
Councillor Mrs J Hunt  
Councillor C Perkins-Beard  
Councillor I Williams (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor A Rennles (Chairman)

Also in Attendance :- W Austin, Town Clerk

#### **53 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs I Roome, and C Haywood who has been granted a six-month leave of absence by the Full Council, expiring on 25th March 2018.

#### **54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

Cllr Mrs J Hunt, as a District Councillor, has dispensation under Standing Order 66 to participate and vote on any matter relating to the Town and District Councils, except where the matter is contractual/legal.

#### **55 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.  
(NC)

#### **56 DEPOSITED PLANS**

Councillors considered and agreed comments on planning applications as follows:

56- 1	63461A	Plot Ref :-	Type :- Full
	Applicant Name :- Mr J Best		Date Received :-06/11/2017
	Location :- 37		Date Returned :-23/11/2017
	Bear Street		
	Barnstaple		
	EX32 7BZ		
	Proposal :	EXTENSION TO & REDEVELOPMENT OF TWO SHOPS & THREE STUDIO FLATS TO FORM TWO COMMERCIAL UNITS & THREE APARTMENTS	

Previous comments agreed 7th September 2017:

RECOMMENDS: Refusal due to the impact on the courtyard, which is not clearly defined, and the impact on neighbouring

properties. A revised application is required to clarify and protect the interests of neighbours.  
(NC)

Observations : RECOMMENDS: Approval.  
(NC)

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56- 2 63474A Plot Ref :- Type :- Full  
Applicant Name :- North Devon Homes Date Received :-06/11/2017  
Location :- Land Date Returned :-23/11/2017  
Jordan Close  
Barnstaple  
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Proposal : ERECTION OF 2 DWELLINGS (AMENDED PLANS)

Observations : RECOMMENDS: Approval.  
(5, 1 against)

Previous comments agreed 7th September 2017:

RECOMMENDS: Refusal. The development is overintensive. There is an unacceptable loss of amenity and impact on the amenity space and trees, on neighbouring properties, and on parking provision.  
(NC)

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56- 3 63680 Plot Ref :- Type :- Full  
Applicant Name :- MS WOODLAND Date Received :-16/11/2017  
Location :- 30 Date Returned :-23/11/2017  
ST JOSEPHS CLOSE  
BARNSTAPLE  
EX32 9FA

Proposal : APPLICATION FOR CONSENT FOR WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER IN RESPECT OF CROWN REDUCTION OF 1 BIRCH TREE & PRUNING OF 1 SYCAMORE TREE

Observations : RECOMMENDS: Approval, subject to the comments of the Tree Officer.  
(5, 1 against)

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56- 4 64044 Plot Ref :- Type :- Full  
Applicant Name :- BARON Date Received :-08/11/2017  
Location :- WICKES BUILDING Date Returned :-23/11/2017  
SUPPLIES LTD

ROSE LANE  
BARNSTAPLE  
EX32 8NX

Proposal : SITING OF INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED FASCIA SIGNS & 3 NON ILLUMINATED FASCIA SIGNS TOGETHER WITH ERECTION OF 1 TOTEM SIGN, 2 BANNER SIGN & 1 FLAT PANEL SIGN

Observations : RECOMMENDS: Approval for all except the totem sign, as (i) it obscures the highway speed limit sign, and (ii) it may be on highway land. The totem should be on the applicant's property and in a location that has no adverse amenity impact.  
(NC)

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## 57 REPORTED CONCERNS

Cllr Williams reported that urgent attention was required to the surface of Mermaid Walk. He acknowledged that the County Council planned to address the issue but added that the timing would be subject to available funding. He suggested that Section 106 funding might be available to bring forward the works. Cllr Williams also asked what progress was being made towards the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy, of which the Town Council would receive 15%.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk write to North Devon District Council seeking urgent use of Section 106 funding for remedial works to address problems with the surface of Mermaid Walk. This inquiry should also follow up progress towards introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy.  
(5, 1abs)

Cllr Mrs Hunt reported that the taxi rank on Boutport Street was sinking, with large pits forming.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk report this matter to Devon County Council.  
(NC)

Cllr Perkins-Beard reported that the road surface around the Bus Station roundabout was dangerous when wet, particularly to motorcycles. He had witnessed an accident there, which could have resulted in serious injury.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk report this matter to Devon County Council, with a request that the surface grip be improved.  
(NC)

Cllr Perkins-Beard reported that the street lighting outside numbers 113 to 118 Chanters Hill was either switched off completely or broken.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk report this matter to Devon County Council.  
(NC)

Cllr Vernon reported that the street lighting in Westaway Plain between the hospital roundabout and Pilton remained switched on 24 hours a day.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk report this matter to Devon County Council.

(NC)

The Meeting closed at : 7.46pm

Signed : \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman Date: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of :- Barnstaple Town Council