

**Northam Town Council – Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Windmill Lane, Northam at 6.00 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Hames (Chairman), Berryman, Brading, Davis, Eastman (from application 1/0551/2017/FUL), Hancock, Leather, Sherborne and Tisdale  
**In attendance:** Miss A Kendall, Administration Officer  
Cllr Durkin  
Members of the public

**1706/173 Apologies**

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllr Edwards.

**1706/174 Chairman's announcements**

- The Chairman reported that he will be speaking on behalf of the Council at Torridge Plans Committee in relation the care home application at Marsh Farm.

**1706/175 Declarations of interest**

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

**1706/176 To agree the agenda as published**

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published.  
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Davis (all in favour)

**1706/177 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Planning meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Planning meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017.  
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Berryman (7 in favour with 1 abstention as Member not present)

**1706/178 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.*

Members of the public wished to speak on applications 1/0344/2017/FUL and 1/0551/2017/FUL

**1706/179 Torridge District Council Planning Applications:**

**Torridge District Council, the determining Authority, has asked for comments from this Town Council on the following planning applications: -**

*It was formally noted that participation of the Councillors who are also members of Torridge District Council in both the debate and subsequent vote (in respect of any of the applications below, were preliminary) was on the basis that the views expressed were based on information made available at the time to the Town Council. The District Councillors were reserving their final views on the applications until they were in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against.*

1/0344/2017/FUL

Location: Bedewill, Green Lane, Appledore  
Applicant: Mr I Cox  
Proposal: First floor extension, internal alterations and garage conversion  
It was **resolved** to suspend standing orders to allow a member of the public to speak.  
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Davis (all in favour)  
It was **resolved** to reinstate standing orders.  
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Davis (all in favour)

Members advised that the application has been called in by the ward Member. It was **resolved** to recommend that this application be refused. The proposal would not be in character with the surrounding street scene. It would also be overbearing in relation to the neighbouring bungalows.  
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Brading (all in favour)

1/0391/2017/FUL

Location: 8 Century Drive, Northam  
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Cookson  
Proposal: Erection of conservatory onto the rear elevation. Raise section of flat roof to allow for doorway into existing utility/shower room  
It was **resolved** to recommend that this application be approved.  
Proposed: Cllr Brading, Seconded: Cllr Davis (all in favour)

1/0504/2017/FUL

Location: Flat C, 8 Nelson Terrace, Westward Ho!  
Applicant: Mr D Larsson  
Proposal: Replacement of two single glazed sash windows in front dormer window with one UPVC casement window  
It was **resolved** to recommend that this application be approved.  
Proposed: Cllr Davis, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)

At this juncture, Cllr Eastman arrived at the meeting

1/0551/2017/FUL

Location: Seabreeze CI Site, Long Lane, Appledore  
Applicant:  
Proposal: CL Store and Season Supervisory Caravan

It was **resolved** to suspend standing orders to allow a member of the public to speak.  
Proposed: Cllr Berryman, Seconded: Cllr Tisdale (all in favour)  
It was **resolved** to reinstate standing orders.  
Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Davis (all in favour)

It was proposed by Cllr Leather and seconded by Cllr Sherborne to recommend that this application be approved. There were 3 votes in favour, 3 votes against and 3 abstentions. As the vote was tied, the Chairman used his casting vote against and the proposal was not carried.

It was **resolved** to recommend that this application be refused as per the comments made previously. Members noted the site is in open countryside, the CPA and Biosphere and saw no need for a supervisory caravan on site to look after five caravans over a temporary period. Members were also unclear of the implications on the Caravan Club Licence if a 6<sup>th</sup> caravan is put in place.  
 Proposed: Cllr Tisdale, Seconded: Cllr Brading (4 in favour, 3 against and 2 abstention)

1/0571/2017/FUL

Location: Lower Lodge, Golf Links Road, Westward Ho!  
 Applicant: Mr J Moran  
 Proposal: First floor extension

It was **resolved** to recommend that this application be approved.  
 Proposed: Cllr Sherborne, Seconded: Cllr Leather (all in favour)

1/0575/2017/FUL

Location: Cheverells Residential Home Limers Lane Northam  
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Woods  
 Proposal: Alterations and extension to residential care home to provide improvements to ground floor lounge, additional first floor en-suite bedroom and addition of lift.

It was **resolved** to recommend that this application be approved.  
 Proposed: Cllr Berryman, Seconded: Cllr Davis (all in favour)

**1706/180**

Torrige District Council – Planning Decisions  
 It was **agreed** to note that Torrige District Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following applications with conditions as filed:

1/0452/2017/FUL

Location: Land adjacent to Puffins, Torrige Road, Appledore  
 Proposal: 2 new dwellings  
 (*Northam recommended refusal*)

**1706/181**

Torrige District Council – Planning Decisions  
 It was **agreed** to note that Torrige District Council, the determining Authority, has REFUSED the following application with conditions as filed:

1/0349/2017/OUT

Location: Witten Lodge Veterinary Centre, Heywood Road, Northam  
 Proposal: Two dwellings (all matters reserved except access, layout and scale)  
 (*Northam recommended approval*)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.40pm

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