

Northam Town Council – Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on Wednesday 14th March 2018 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Windmill Lane, Northam at 6.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Hames (Chairman), Davis, Eastman, Hancock and Leather
In attendance: Miss A Kendall – Admin Officer

1803/1222 Apologies

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Cllrs Berryman, Brading, Edwards, Sherborne and Tisdale

1803/1223 Chairman's announcements

- The Chairman reported that he and the Admin Officer attended a Parish information sharing session put on by Torridge. There were interesting presentations explaining the enforcement processes and a report with case studies from the Conservation Officer.
- It was further reported that at the last Torridge Plans Committee meeting, it was decided to defer making a decision for the removal of the agricultural condition relating to Mouna, Bidna Lane pending the results of an independent report.
- The Chairman asked if any information had been received regarding the Staddon Road site being added back into the Draft Local Plan. The Admin Officer will check and add an item onto the next agenda.

1803/1224 Declarations of interest

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

1803/1225 To agree the agenda as published

It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published.

Proposed: Cllr Eastman, Seconded: Cllr Leather (all in favour)

1803/1226 To confirm and sign the minutes of the Planning meeting held 28th February 2018

It was **resolved** to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held 28th February 2018 as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Hancock (all in favour)

1803/1227 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.

No members of the public were present.

1803/1228 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.

1/0042/2018/FUL

Location: 8 Lever Close, Northam

Applicant: Mr J Bellamy

Proposal: Two storey extension to rear

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

Proposed: Cllr Davis, Seconded: Cllr Leather (all in favour)

1/0177/2018/FUL

Location: Northam Lodge, Heywood Road, Northam

Applicant: Trustees of Northam Lodge

Proposal: Single storey ground floor extension to western elevation

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

Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Hancock (all in favour)

1/0181/2018/FUL

1/0182/2018/LBC

Location: 15 Irsha Street, Appledore

Applicant: Mr N Kidson

Proposal: Extension to rear shower room and enlargement of patio doors at rear

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

Proposed: Cllr Hancock, Seconded: Cllr Davis (all in favour)

1/0186/2018/FUL

Location: Yardarm, 72A Bay View Road, Northam

Applicant: Mr A Burke and Ms Z Svennson

Proposal: Replacement Balcony

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

Proposed: Cllr Davis, Seconded: Cllr Hancock (all in favour)

1/0201/2018/FUL

Location: Golf Links Road, Westward Ho!

Applicant: Northam Town Council

Proposal: Installation of 4 posts to support festoon and festive lighting (affecting a public right of way)

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

Proposed: Cllr Hancock, Seconded: Cllr Leather (all in favour)

1/0221/2018/FUL

Location: Wilkeys Field, Pebbleridge Road, Westward Ho!

Applicant: Torridge District Council

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to a public pay and display car park with 171 spaces including 8 disabled and 8 private spaces and associated access and allocated space for 5 motorcycles

It was **resolved** to recommend that this application be refused.

Members raised concerns about the lack of landscaping and felt that a post and rail fence is an unsuitable boundary treatment and would not prevent the overlooking of neighbouring properties in Venton Drive and Pebbleridge Road. It was agreed that the Wade Hedgebank should be continued around the entire boundary. There were further concerns raised regarding light pollution, excess water runoff and possible oil/fuel spillages. There may also be a detrimental impact on Northam Burrows which is a SSSI site. Members expressed disappointment that there is no provision for bicycles.

Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Davis (all in favour)

1803/1229

Torridge District Council – Planning Decisions

It was **agreed** to note that Torridge District Council, the determining Authority, has APPROVED the following applications with conditions as filed.

1/0455/2017/FULM

Location: Fairlea Residential Home, South Lea, Northam
 Proposal: Conversion of former care home into 9 apartments and 5 dwellings, including associated works and partial demolition of extensions
(Northam recommended approval)

1/1046/2017/FUL

Location: 76 Atlantic Way, Westward Ho!
 Proposal: Amendment to previous approval 1/0120/2016/FUL to create revised car parking layout
(Northam recommended approval)

1/1134/2017/FUL

Location: Rock Pool Café, 2 Golf Links Road, Westward Ho!
 Proposal: Installation of extraction/ventilation flue through rear roof to replace wall-mounted extraction/ventilation unit
(Northam recommended approval)

1/1282/2017/LBC

Location: Phoenix Cottage, 16 Market Street, Appledore
 Proposal: Proposed loft extension including new roof lights
(Northam recommended approval)

1/0034/2018/FUL

Location: Littlecroft, Avon Lane, Westward Ho!
 Proposal: Extension to rear of bungalow, incorporating conversion of roof space to provide first floor accommodation and installation of Juliet Balcony
(Northam recommended approval)

1/0041/2018/FUL

Location: 11 Alpha Place, Appledore
 Proposal: Ground floor extension and roof alterations
(Northam recommended approval)

1/0065/2018/FUL

Location: The Old Dairy, Golf Links Road, Westward Ho!
 Proposal: Change of use of first floor of building from Class B2 to C3(a) for ancillary residential use as a one-bedroom flat with connecting door to workshop with additional separate entrance and a Juliette Balcony
(Northam recommended approval)

1803/1230

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.

1/1092/2017/FUL

Location: 9 Greenacre Close, Northam
 Proposal: Rear single raised platform incorporating first floor balcony (Revised Plan – Balcony)
(Northam recommended approval)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.30 pm

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