

**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD AT GROVE HOUSE ON  
WEDNESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2014**

**Meeting Commenced:** 7.00 pm

**Meeting Concluded:** 8.45 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor Ray Armstrong, Jan Holloway, Cyril King (arrived 7.10 pm) , Michal Kus and Frederick Parsons (Vice Chairman).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Tania Middlemiss (Assistant Town Clerk), Jason Beale (NSC) and Julie Smith (Administrator)

The Vice Chairman welcomed Jason Beale of North Somerset Council to the meeting.

*In the absence of the chairman Cllr Frederick Parsons chaired the meeting.*

<b>116.</b>	<p><b>To receive Apologies for Absence and Notifications of Substitutions</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Len Purnell and Rose Warwick</p>
<b>117.</b>	<p><b>To receive Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>No declarations of interest were received</p>
<b>118.</b>	<p><b>To approve Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014.</b></p> <p><b>PROPOSED:</b> Councillor Jan Holloway <b>SECONDED:</b> Councillor Ray Armstrong</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Minutes be confirmed as a true record of the meeting and be signed by the Chairman of the meeting.</p>
<b>119.</b>	<p>The Vice-Chairman moved forward item 5 a) on the agenda.</p> <p>Jason Beale, Customer Services Manager for Development and Environment for of North Somerset Council provided the Committee with an overview of matters communicated at the Parish Workshop meeting which had been held on 14th May 2014.</p> <p>Key updates included:</p> <p>North Somerset Council's planning consultation process was now totally paperless, he thanked Weston-super-Mare Town Council for pioneering this move.</p> <p>The new website which was a one-stop-shop for planning advice and applications had now been launched, new features included 'report it' and 'contact us' forms and had been designed to enable the public submit planning applications and access relevant advice in a more efficient and cost effective manner than previously. It was noted that Planning Officers were tasked with complexity as opposed to simplicity, hence general enquires would now be handled by Customer Services staff. It was hoped that Town Councillors would share this information and encourage the public to use the service when making planning applications or requiring advice on planning matters. The benefits of the new</p>

	<p>website would also be featured in the 'Life' magazine so as to inform members of the public across the district.</p> <p>As a result of Government imposed changes to the prior approval regime (April 2014) intended to speed up the planning process North Somerset Council were no longer required to consult with Town and Parish Council's but would take on board comments if received within the strict new deadlines.</p> <p>Discussion ensued on the Core Strategy and the impact on the districts housing allocation and strategy following a high court challenge in relation to housing numbers in Bristol.</p> <p><i>Councillor King arrived at 7.10 pm.</i></p>
120.	<p><b>Matters for Consideration</b></p> <p><b>a) Street Trading Applications</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> There were no Street Trading Applications received.</p> <p><b>b) To receive notification of Disabled Parking Bay Applications</b></p> <p>The Committee noted the up-to-date list of current applications available to view at the meeting and received feedback from the Ward Councillor for an application at Westbrook Road, Weston-super-Mare.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That North Somerset Council's Disabled Parking Bay section be notified.</p>
121.	<p><b>Matters for Noting</b></p> <p><b>S106 Requests - Guidance</b> Details circulated to all Members following the previous meeting.</p> <p><b>List of Planning Applications Types and Codes</b> Details circulated to all Members following the previous meeting.</p>
122.	<p><b>Planning Applications and Other Planning Matters Submitted to the Town Council for Consideration</b></p> <p>The Committee considered applications in respect of the weekly lists for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the comments contained in Appendix A to be forwarded to North Somerset Council.</p> <p>There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.</p> <p>Signed.....Dated .....</p> <p>Councillor Frederick Parsons <b>Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee</b></p>