

**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD AT GROVE HOUSE ON  
WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2015**

**Meeting Commenced:** 7.00 pm

**Meeting Concluded:** 9.36 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor Len Purnell (Chairman), Robert Cleland, Catherine Gibbons (S), Jan Holloway, Steven Kane and Frederick Parsons (Vice Chairman).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Peter Fox, Tania Middlemiss (Assistant Town Clerk), Samantha Middlemiss (Committee Officer), Becky Parker (Weston and Somerset Mercury) and 12 members of the public.

<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Election of Chairman</b></p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk invited nominations for the position of Chairman.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Steven Kane <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Jan Holloway</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Len Purnell be elected Chairman of the Planning Committee of the year 2015/2016.</p> <p>Councillor Len Purnell then took his place as Chairman of the meeting.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p>At this point in the meeting the Chairman proposed to suspend standing orders in order for members of the public to address the Committee.</p> <p><i>Standing Orders were suspended at 7.03 pm.</i></p> <p>The Chairman advised members of the public that there was only 15 minutes to speak and so he trusted that speakers had been nominated to represent all those present.</p> <p>The Chairman was informed that there were two planning applications that members of the public present, wished to speak on.</p> <p>Ms Diana Baylis, agent for the applicant was invited to address the Committee in relation to planning application 15/P/0716/F – 137, 137a, 137b Milton Road and 2 Ashcombe Park Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2UY.</p> <p>The Committee noted comments from the agent, amendments to the application in respect of the roof height and public objections in relation to highway safety and design.</p> <p>Mr Michael Roe was then invited to address the Committee in relation to planning application 15/P/0983/O – Land at Wentworth Drive, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 9ND.</p> <p>The Committee noted comments from Mr Roe who had been nominated to speak on behalf of residents and gave an overview of the public objections.</p> <p>Mr Horrington, resident of Bleadon Hill informed that he concurred with all the objections made by Mr Roe, adding that the proposed development would look overlook properties in</p>

	<p>the adjacent roads and have a detrimental impact on school places and medical facilities in the surrounding area.</p> <p>The Committee noted the nature and volume of online comments. <i>Standing Orders were resumed at 7.32 pm</i></p>
12.	<p><b>To receive Apologies for Absence and Notifications of Substitutions</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillors Alan Peak, Jos Holder and Mike Lyall.</p> <p>Councillor Alan Peak was substituted by Councillor Catherine Gibbons.</p> <p>Councillor Steven Kane informed that he would need to leave the meeting due to a prior engagement and <i>left the meeting at 7.35 pm.</i></p>
13.	<p><b>To receive Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest received.</p>
14.	<p><b>To approve Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015.</b></p> <p>It was raised that Councillor Frederick Parsons was not listed as present at the meeting.</p> <p><b>PROPOSED:</b> Councillor Frederick Parsons <b>SECONDED:</b> Councillor Jan Holloway</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That with the above amendment the Minutes be confirmed as a true record of the meeting and be signed by the Chairman of the meeting.</p>
15.	<p><b>Election of Vice Chairman</b></p> <p><b>PROPOSED:</b> Councillor Jan Holloway <b>SECONDED:</b> Councillor Robert Cleland</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Frederick Parsons be elected Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee of the year 2015/2016.</p>
16.	<p><b>To note the Committee Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk advised that Terms of Reference for the Committee were attached to the agenda and included the consideration of Street Trading and Disabled Parking Bay Applications which had been transferred from the Community Services Committee back to the Planning Committee in order to better meet timescales.</p> <p>The Committee noted that Terms of Reference for all Committee's would be reviewed at the next Town Council meeting in July 2015.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Committee Terms of Reference be noted.</p>
17.	<p><b>Matters for Consideration</b></p> <p><b>a) Street Trading Applications</b></p> <p>The Committee noted that there were no applications to be considered.</p> <p><b>b) To receive notification of Disabled Parking Bay Applications</b></p>

	<p>A list of requests was available to view at the meeting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the following Committee decisions be referred to North Somerset Councils Streets and Open Spaces:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 30, St Paul's Road – No Objection</li> <li>2. Flat 1, Walliscote Road South – No Objection</li> <li>3. 146, Quantock Road - No Objection</li> </ol>
<p>18.</p>	<p><b>Matters for Noting</b></p> <p><b>a) Affordable Housing Proposal: Lawrence Court, off Lawrence Road, Worle</b></p> <p>Communications from James McLoughlin, Senior Housing Development Officer at North Somerset Council and details of the Train to Build scheme in Bristol had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Committee noted interim proposals for a community development scheme by Knightstone Housing who would be working alongside Weston College and the Community Self Build Agency an enabled and assisted ex-forces personnel in gaining appropriate training in the construction of homes that they would ultimately live in.</p> <p>Councillor Jan Holloway queried her position as a member of the Armed Forces Committee?</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk advised that the proposal was currently only at the pre application stage and that meetings were taking place with North Somerset Councillors and Officers prior to a full application being put forward for consideration.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That pre-planning information and discussions for Affordable Housing under Lawrence Court, off Lawrence Road, Worle be noted.</li> <li>2) Councillor Holloway to take further advice on the nature of her declarations of interest prior to the meeting where the application was being considered..</li> </ol> <p><b>b) Planning Appeal Notification: Tutto, Beach Road</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the application at Tutto, Beach Road was at appeal stage.</p>
<p>19.</p>	<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 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.</p> <p>The Chairman brought forward the following applications to be discussed first for the benefit of the members of the public that were present.</p> <p>15/P/0716/F – 137, 137a, 137b Milton Road and 2 Ashcombe Park Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 2UY.</p> <p>The Committee debated concerns expressed in online objections surrounding highway safety and residential parking too close to the pedestrian crossing noting that 9 off road parking spaces had been included in the proposals. Comments made by the Highways Officer in relation to car movements currently and in-light of the proposal were also noted. Members were in favour of welcoming and supporting the proposal.</p>

*3 members of the public left the meeting at 7.55 pm.*

15/P/0983/O – Land at Wentworth Drive, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 9ND was then discussed.

The Committee debated concerns expressed in online objections, particularly noting the comments of a Mr Andrew Searle in relation to sustainability, EI screening, flooding, drainage and lack of public consultation. Members were opposed to the application due to several adverse impacts (set out in Appendix A).

*A further 9 members of the public left the meeting at 8.02 pm.*

*Councillor Catherine Gibbons left the meeting at 8.35 pm.*

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the Committee’s decisions relating to applications 15/P0716/F and 15/P/0983/O (above) be contained in Appendix A and be forwarded to North Somerset Council.
- 2) That Councillor Peter Fox, Ward Cllr for the Bleadon Hill would request Councillor Peter Bryant the District Councillor for the area to ‘call in’ application 15/P/0983/O to North Somerset Council’s P & R Committee for consideration.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.36 pm.

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

Councillor Len Purnell  
**Chairman of the Planning Committee**