

**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT GROVE HOUSE ON
WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST 2015**

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.45 pm

PRESENT: Councillor Robert Cleland (arrived 7.10 pm), Jocelyn Holder, Jan Holloway, Mike Lyall, Frederick Parsons (Vice Chairman), Alan Peak (arrived 7. 05pm) Len Purnell (Chairman).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tania Middlemiss (Assistant Town Clerk), Julie Smith (Office Administrator).

120.	<p>To receive Apologies for Absence and Notifications of Substitutions</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Steve Kane</p>
121.	<p>To receive Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Cllr Frederick Parsons declared a personal interest with planning application 15/P/1820/F 74 Meadow Street.</p>
122.	<p>To approve Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 29th July 2015</p> <p>PROPOSED: Councillor Jocelyn Holder SECONDED: Councillor Jan Holloway</p> <p>A member enquired whether the Appendix A document appended to Planning Committee minutes needed to be sent out on hard copy along with the agenda for the following meeting going forward, instead they could just be emailed.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that they contained officially recorded decisions on planning applications in Weston-super-Mare and that that not all members of the Committee were on email.</p> <p>Debate ensued and it was agreed to trial the new practice for a six month period.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1) That the above Minutes be confirmed as a true record of the meeting and be signed by the Chairman of the meeting.</p> <p>2) That Planning Committee decisions in relation to planning applications contained in Appendix A would continue to be attached to the official minutes in hard copy format but emailed out Councillors instead of being provided with a hard copy for a six month trial period.</p>
123.	<p>Matters for Consideration</p> <p>a) Street Trading Applications</p> <p>The Committee noted that there were no applications to be considered.</p>

	<p>b) To receive notification of Disabled Parking Bay Applications</p> <p>A list of requests was available to view at the meeting.</p> <p>Discussion ensued on the merits of the following application where comments had been received from the Ward Councillors.</p> <p>1. 28 St Pauls Road - No Objection</p> <p>Members debated the issue of disabled bay applicant perceptions that painted bays were for their own exclusive use and requested that North Somerset Council make this point much clearer at application stage in order to prevent misunderstandings</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1) That the above Committee decision be referred to North Somerset Councils Streets and Open Spaces.</p> <p>2) That communication be sent to North Somerset Council in relation to disabled parking applications</p>
<p>124.</p>	<p>Matters For Noting</p> <p>Sites and Policies Plan Part 1 Development Management Policies</p> <p>North Somerset Council – Development Contributions SDP</p> <p>The Chairman advised that policies had been available for member comment both electronically or in hard copy if preferred.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk confirmed that the new editions were supplements to the development plan aims for Weston-super-Mare as overviewed in the Core Strategy and other development plans for our area.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Noted.</p>
<p>125.</p>	<p>Planning Applications and Other Planning Matters Submitted to the Town Council for Consideration</p> <p>The Committee considered applications in respect of the weekly lists for 27th July, 3rd, 10th & 17th August 2015.</p> <p>A member expressed concern about inconsistency in decisions on planning applications for the conversion of shops into dwellings in the town centre.</p> <p>Members referred to planning applications for the change of use from commercial to residential use on Meadow Street and Milton Road and queried whether the Town Council should form it's own policy in relation to the erosion of established shopping areas.</p> <p>The Chairman referred to the long and detailed meeting and requested Members take the time to go through the agenda prior to the meeting particularly in relation to planning applications in their wards. All the relevant information to determine applications was available via North Somerset Council's website and Google Earth could be used if time constraints did not permit. These pre-meeting measures would help to ensure Members have a full understanding of the facts as well as any issues or objections from the public and</p>

	<p>in turn would help reduce the length of meeting times.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the comments contained in Appendix A be forwarded to North Somerset Council. 2) For Councillor Lyall to raise the Planning Committee’s concerns relating to shopping centre erosion and establish whether policy formulation should be progressed and fed into the Town Council strategy.
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm</p> <p>Signed.....Dated</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Councillor Len Purnell</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chairman of the Planning Committee</p>