

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING WORKING PARTY
HELD ON ZOOM
WEDNESDAY 28th JULY 2021**

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.10 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Jan Holloway (Chairman), Ray Armstrong, Gill Bute, Alan Peak and Tim Taylor.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Peter Crew, Cllr John Crockford-Hawley, Tania Middlemiss (Assistant Town Clerk), Julie Smith (Admin Officer).

The Chairman thanked Councillors Crockford-Hawley and Crew for their attendance following the Planning Committee request to North Somerset Council for Planning Officer attendance for guidance on matters of planning policy.

91.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes Apologies were received from Cllr Dot Agassiz.
92.	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest received.
93.	To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 30th June 2021 The minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Gill Bute SECONDED BY: Councillor Tim Taylor RECOMMENDED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.
94.	Matters for Consideration a) Street Trading Applications The Committee noted that there were no street trading applications for consideration. b) Disabled Parking Bay Applications 5 Saxby Drive - No Objection RESOLVED: To inform North Somerset Council's Streets and Open Spaces department of the Town Council's response.

<p>95.</p>	<p>Planning Applications and other Planning Matters submitted to the Town Council for consideration.</p> <p>A Member advised that relevant planning grounds were legitimate reasons for objecting which North Somerset Officers would determine on but gut feelings could be expressed at parish and town council level.</p> <p>A Member voiced that his criteria for bringing applications to the attention of committee was if there were other objections showing online.</p> <p>The Chairman referred to the weekly email communications to all Councillors which required that Ward Members inform the Chairman or Vice Chairman which applications they required ‘calling in’ before the meeting. This system ensured that significant applications were given consideration and negated to need to discuss every individual application at the meeting given that many were prior approval applications and North Somerset were the decision making authority.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk confirmed that the categories for responding under to North Somerset were under three broad areas:</p> <p>Support/ Neutral/Object with the latter needing to be supported ideally by material planning considerations where possible.</p> <p>The Chairman advised of an email communications that due to essential maintenance on the online planning portal from Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th August 2021 it would not be possible to view the planning applications on North Somerset Council’s website on the night of the next meeting 25th August.</p> <p>RESOLVED: The Chairman would liaise with officers on whether to bring forward or defer the next meeting by one week.</p> <p>The Committee considered applications in respect of the weekly lists provided by North Somerset Council dated: 21st – 27th June, 28th June – 4th July, 5th July – 11th July, 12th July – 18th July.</p> <p><i>The Assistant Town Clerk left the meeting at 8 pm.</i></p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Town Council’s comments on planning applications be directly uploaded to ‘Uniform’ website as part of the system of work requirement by North Somerset Council. This information would also be reflected on the Town Council’s website with hyperlink back to North Somerset Council’s website for referral purposes.</p>
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm</p> <p>Signed.....Dated</p> <p>Chairman of the Planning Committee</p>