

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON AT GROVE HOUSE
WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER 2021**

Meeting Commenced: 19.00

Meeting Concluded:20.15

PRESENT: Councillors Jan Holloway (Chairman), Alan Peak, Dot Agassiz, Gill Bute, Tim Taylor.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tania Middlemiss (Assistant Town Clerk), Julie Smith (Admin Officer).

268.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes Apologies were received from Cllr Ray Armstrong and Dave Hitchins.
269.	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest received.
270.	To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17th November 2021 The minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tim Taylor SECONDED BY: Councillor Dot Agassiz RECOMMENDED: That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.
271.	Matters for Consideration a) Street Trading Applications The Committee noted that there were no street trading applications for consideration. b) Disabled Parking Bay Applications Members noted comments of concern received from neighbours and a Ward Cllr. 79 Westbrook Road – Objection RESOLVED: To inform North Somerset Council’s Streets and Open Spaces department of the Town Council’s response.

c) Green criteria (deferral from Climate Change 10th November 2021 and Planning Working Party 17th November 2021).

The Assistant Town Clerk advised that all committees were being asked by the Climate Change Working Party to agenda for discussion sustainability and green matters. The Planning Committee could consider contributing to this by including more green criteria into their current planning policy statements.

Members noted an action from the previous meeting were a resolution had been made to invite a member of North Somerset Council's sustainability team to future meeting.

The Chairman advised she and several Cllrs had attended along with officers Climate Change training in November and liaised with North Somerset Officers at the recent Town and Parish Workshop in early December.

The Assistant Town Clerk advised that as part of our Council's overall commitments to reducing our carbon footprint by 2030 that further actions and obligations would need to be made including more training of Councillors and staff.

Members were in agreement that they needed to learn more about carbon literacy both as individuals, Councillors and organisationally and to undertake more development and training in the years ahead. Also that increased liaison and partnership working at all levels would be required in order to achieve the required level of organisational development and achievements for Climate Change, given the recent government pledges at COP 26.

d) Update on Parish Workshop held virtually on 2nd December 2021.

The Chairman advised that she had attended the session in early December a hosted by North Somerset where sustainability matters had also featured. The following matters were being looked into at district level as part of wider consultations.

- New parking provisions to feature electric car and bicycle outputs.
- More provisions to be made both in existing as well as new public and private areas.
- Encouragement of car sharing and car clubs.
- Increased provisions for trees in parks and play areas

RESOLVED:

To include budget provision for Carbon Literacy/Climate Change training for officers and Councillors on an ongoing basis.

The Assistant Town Clerk would liaise with the Development Officer with responsibilities for Climate Change actions on green criteria and training provisions.

	<p>To circulate the Parish and Workshop PowerPoint presentation to all members of the committee.</p>
<p>272.</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 provided by North Somerset Council dated: 8th- 14th November, 5th-21st November, 22nd – 28th November and 9th – 5th December 2021.</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 20.15pm</p> <p>Signed.....Dated</p> <p>Chairman of the Planning Committee</p>