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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT 32 WATERLOO STREET ON WEDNESDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2024

Meeting Commenced: 7.01 pm
Meeting Concluded: 8.07 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Caroline Reynolds (Chair), Ray Armstrong, Owen James, Justyna Peak-Michalowicz and Richard Tucker.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Pearse (Chief Executive Officer /Town Clerk) and Rebecca Saunders (Civic & Committee Officer).

	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitution Councillor Tim Taylor had sent apologies for late attendance. Apologies were received from Councillor s Martin Williams, Peter Crew and John Carson with no substitutions.
	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest received.
	Minutes of the previous Planning Committee Meeting held on 21st August 2024 The minutes from the previous meeting held on 21st August had been previously circulated. **PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Ray Armstrong **SECONDED BY:** Councillor Owen James **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the 21st August 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair.
	PLANNING **Matters for Consideration** **a) Disabled Parking Bays Applications**

The committee considered the following applications, noting ward councillors' comments and objections from members of the public received:

1. FLAT 2, 25 LANGPORT ROAD - No ward Councillor Objections. – No Objection.

RESOLVED: To inform North Somerset of the Town Council's response.

Matters for Noting

a) Street Naming Process
A Site Notice had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: Noted.

b) Yellow Lines Process

The CEO/Town Clerk reported that correspondence from North Somerset Council (NSC) had been received on the application process for Yellow lines for members of the public. The process was unclear to members of the public on whether they needed to contact their ward Councillor. Clarity was needed in order to be able to advise accordingly on the NSC website.

RESOLVED: That the CEO/Town Clerk contact North Somerset Council, requesting that members of the public are directed to their ward Councillor, via the Town Council's website as part of the Yellow Line Process.

C) Planning Appeal- 24/P/0653/FUH 8 Spring Valley, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 9AS

RESOLVED: Noted.

Planning Applications and other Planning Matters submitted to the Town Council for consideration.

7.35pm Councillor Owen James left the meeting and returned at 7.37pm.

The Committee considered applications in respect of the weekly lists provided by North Somerset Council dated**:**

- **a) 12th July – 18th August 2024**
- **b) 19th August – 25th August 2024**
- **c) 26th August – 1st September 2024**
- **d) 2nd September – 8th September 2024**

The CEO/Town Clerk advised that in order to try to increase Councillor engagement with commenting on planning applications, weekly sheets would be sent to all Councillors going forward. If no comments are received, then it would be presumed that the ward councillor(s) were in support of the application and that this would be recorded. This would be reviewed in 3 months' time.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL

The CEO/Town Clerk informed that the main projects the Town Council were involved in were outlined on the report and that more work was being undertaken with Service Level Agreement partners and Grounds department and off shoots from projects such as the Tree Planting Group had developed into other schemes including the Maltlands Tree Nursery.

It was reported how well received The Big Worle family day had been along with the Yoga at Ellenborough Park.

The CEO/Town Clerk reminded the committee that the Climate and Community Development Officer had not been replaced in the current budget and therefore resourcing was limited.

RESOLVED: To receive an extended list of all community environmental projects the Town Council were involved with, at each meeting Planning & Environmental Committee Meeting going forward.

It was raised that the road sign for Bridgwater, exiting Weston was spelt incorrectly.

RESLOVED: That the Town Clerk would write to North Somerset Council to inform them of the spelling mistake.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.07 pm.

Signed……Dated ……

Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee