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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT 32 WATERLOO STREET ON WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2024

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm
Meeting Concluded: 8.10 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Caroline Reynolds (Chair), Ray Armstrong, Joe Bambridge, Roger Bailey, Peter Crew, Justyna Peak-Michalowicz. Timothy Taylor, Richard Tucker and Martin Williams.

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

186	**Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitution** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Martin Williams, substituted by Councillor Roger Bailey and Councillor John Carson with no substitute.
187	**Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations of interest received.
188	**Minutes of the previous Planning Committee Meeting held on 16th October 2024** The minutes from the previous meeting held on 16th October 2024 had been previously circulated. **PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Peter Crew **SECONDED BY:** Councillor Timothy Taylor The Chair queried the missing updates for the energy report and Travel to work survey. The CEO/Town Clerk informed that updates on these items would be brought to a future meeting when the development department had more resource to collate the information and reminded the Committee that the was work previously carried out by the lost Climate and Community Development Officer position. **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the 16th October 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair.

PLANNING

189 **Matters for Consideration**
There were none received.

190 **Matters for Noting**

APP/D0121/W/24/3351085; Land to the rear of 37 Alma Street, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 1RD; Erection of a flexible commercial building (Use Class E- Commercial, Business and Service), with associated infrastructure.

RESOLVED: Noted.

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

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

a) 7th – 13th October 2024
b) 14th – 20th October 2024
c) 21st – 27th October 2024
d) 28th October – 3rd November 2024

The following applications were discussed 1446, 2010, 2011 ,2075 , 2124, 2185, 2162 , 2173,2242, 2263 & 2264.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council's comments on planning applications discussed be directly uploaded to the '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.

Debate ensued regarding application 24/P/2162/R3 (Grove Park Toilets) highlighting the concerns raised by the Amenities Committee on 4th November. The Committee reviewed the response received from North Somerset Council (letter dated 29th October which The CEO circulated to the committee for their reference) coving the following points:

- Design and Chosen Materials
- Concerns regarding Anti-Social Behaviour
- Location Chosen
- Unisex/Single Sex allocation
- Watergate units
- Cost

As there was no valid planning reason to decline the application although concerns raised were duly noted., it was therefore

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew
SECONDED BY: Councillor Timothy Taylor

A vote was taken and **carried** accordingly (7 for; 1 abstention (Councillor Roger Bailey)).

RESOLVED: That the Town Council supports Planning application 24/P/2162/R3.

	ENVIRONMENTAL The Chair advised after discussion with the CEO/Town Clerk, that the Committee would receive Agenda items 8,9,10 & 11 separately, on a bi monthly basis in the future, starting with: Meeting 1 Tree Management, Green Infrastructure Strategy Tree Planning Scheme to be received at the next meeting on 11th December 2024, Meeting 2 Roadmap to Zero Town Centre Cycle Parking Any other related environmental considerations submitted to the following meeting on 8th January 2025. *8.02 pm Councillor Peter Crew left the meeting.*
192	**Town Centre Parking** The CEO/Town Clerk reported no further update at this stage and that the item would be brought back to a future meeting. **RESLOVED:** To defer the item to the following meeting. *8.07 pm Councillor Peter Crew re-joined the meeting.*
193	**Tree Management** The CEO/Town Clerk reported no further update at this stage and that the item would be brought back to a future meeting. **RESLOVED:** That Steve Clark the Arboricultural Consultant bring an update to the next Planning & Environmental Committee Meeting on the 8th January 2025.
194	**Update on the Roadmap to Zero** The CEO/Town Clerk reported no further update at this stage and that the item would be brought back to a future meeting. **RESLOVED:** That an Update Report to be brought to the Planning & Environment Committee on 8th January 2025.
195	**Green Infrastructure Strategy Update** The CEO/Town Clerk reported no further update at this stage and that the item would be brought back to a future meeting. **RESLOVED:** That Steve Clark the Arboricultural Consultant bring an update to the next Planning & Environmental Committee Meeting on the 8th January 2025.

196	**Tree Planning Scheme** The CEO/Town Clerk reported no further update at this stage and that the item would be brought back to a future meeting. **RESLOVED:** That Steve Clark the Arboricultural Consultant bring an update to the next Planning & Environmental Committee Meeting on the 8th January 2025.
	There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.10 pm. Signed……Dated ……. Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee