WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT 32 WATERLOO STREET ON WEDNESDAY 2nd April 2025

Meeting Commenced:7.00 pm
Meeting Concluded: 8.25pm

PRESENT: Councillors Caroline Reynolds (C) Peter Crew (VC), Ray Armstrong, Roger Bailey (S), Owen James, Justyna Pecak-Michalowicz, Timothy Taylor and Richard Tucker and (VACANY).

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

334	**Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitution** Apologies were received from Councillor Martin Williams substituted by Councillor Roger.
335	**Declarations of Interest** There were no declarations of interest received.
336	**Minutes of the previous Planning Committee Meeting held on 5th February 2025** The minutes from the previous meeting held on 5th March 2025 had been previously circulated. **PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Peter Crew **SECONDED BY:** Councillor Richard Tucker **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the 5th March 2025 be approved and signed by the Chair.
337	**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:

a) 29 EXETER ROAD, WESTON-SUPER-MARE, BS23 4DB - **Support**
b) FLAT 3, 48 SOUTH ROAD, WESTON-SUPER-MARE, BS23 2HE - **Support**

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

338 **Matters for Noting:**

Appeal-APP/D0121/H/25/3361072

RESOLVED: Noted.

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

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

7.39pm Councillor Peter Crew left the meeting and re-joined at 7.42pm

a) 24th February 2025- 2nd March 2025
b) 3rd – 9th March 2025
c) 10th – 16th March 2025
d) 17th – 23rd March 2025

The following applications were discussed with further comment and recommendations as follows:

Application Number	Comments
0376	**NEUTRAL** - **WSM TC**. No objection but disappointed to see another change of use from commercial to residential. WE NOTE Civic Society comments.
0374	**SUPPORT** - **WSM TC**. Good to see innovative change of use.
0346	**OBJECT** – **WSM TC**. Over development. Second kitchen required.
0426	**OBJECT - WSM TC** No apparent cooking facilities on plans.
0431	**NEUTRAL** – **WSM TC**. Reservations based on public comments received.
0482	**NEUTRAL-WSM TC.** Concerns regarding original plans**.**

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.

340 # ENVIRONMENTAL

a. To receive the report of The Arboricultural Consultant

	The Chair enquired into the replacement trees for the Highstreet. The Arboricultural consultant reminded the committee that the high street planting was a North Somerset Project but had been informed that the wrong trees had been ordered and the funding to replenish again was uncertain. *8.09pm Councillor Justyna Pecak-Michalowicz left the meeting.* **RESOLVED:** That the CEO/Town Clerk to write to North Somerset Council to enquire about the status of the replacement trees. *8.13pm Councillor Justyna Pecak- Michalowicz re-joined the meeting* The Arboricultural consultant reported that Tree management works had gone well with the support of the grounds team, lifting of trees around the edge of Ellenborough Park East would take place next year in line with the maintenance schedule. Work on the Green infrastructure would begin in the coming months starting with objectives being written. The Community planting project had not started as planned with Big Worle due to lack of arrangements for aftercare but it was hoped this would be resolved soon. A community day on the weekend was planned in this area. The Tree and Plant group had continued to go well with lively discussion. A talk titled 'Trees in Culture and Mytholog' was planned for April 9th at The Front Room. Blooming Weston Returns Group had been very proactive and was going well. An application was almost ready to submit for the Town to become a Community Arboretum. Weston Town Council would hold monies raised by a fundraising business pack which was due to launch this summer. **RESOLVED**: That the report be noted.
	There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.25 pm. Signed……Dated …… Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee