

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT GROVE HOUSE ON
WEDNESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2021**

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 7.52 pm

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

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

The Chairman welcomed Mr Shaban to the meeting and invited him to speak in support of a planning application at 2 Sunnyside Road, Weston-super-Mare.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee offered condolences to the Assistant Town Clerk due to a very recent family bereavement and thanked both Officers for their attendance at Committee whilst on leave.

177.	To receive Apologies for Absence and Notifications of Substitutions There were no apologies were received.
178.	To receive Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest received.
179.	To approve Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13th January 2021 The minutes had previously been circulated with the agenda. The Chairman reminded Members of the remit of the Planning Committee as a statutory consultee on planning applications and referred to requests from Members at the last meeting who required feedback on planning and enforcement matters which were the remit of North Somerset Council and extremely challenging to obtain during the pandemic. The Assistant Town Clerk referred to discussions under minute 130 of the meeting held on 13.1.2021 afterwhich contact had been made to try and progress the feedback and communications issues and request a quicker communication pathway. Members were advised that the Town Council's concerns had also been fed into the recent Peer Review of North Somerset's Planning and Enforcement Services in January 2021 by the Chairman and Assistant Town Clerk. These included what the service did well and areas for improvement.

	<p>District Councillors concurred that staff shortages and covid related absences at North Somerset Council were causing difficulty with communications and feedback during this time.</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Alan Peak SECONDED BY: Councillor Holloway</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2021 be approved. That details of North Somerset's Enforcement Team Manager, Chris Nolan could be made available on request to Committee Members if necessary.</p>
<p>180.</p>	<p>Matters for Consideration</p> <p>a) Street Trading Applications</p> <p>The Committee noted that there were no street trading applications for consideration.</p> <p>b) Disabled Parking Bay Applications</p> <p>(i) GFF 10 Gordon Road - No Objection</p> <p>(ii) 7 Thornbury Road - No Objection</p> <p>RESOLVED: To inform North Somerset Council's Streets and Open Spaces department of the Town Council's comments in relation to disabled parking bay applications.</p>
<p>181.</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 4th – 10th, 11th – 17th, 19th – 24th and 25th – 31st January 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 7.52 pm</p> <p>Signed.....Dated</p> <p>Chairman of the Planning Committee</p>