WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT GROVE HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY 28th APRIL 2021

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 7.50 pm

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tania Middlemiss (Assistant Town Clerk), Julie Smith (Admin Officer) and Emma Williams (Committee Officer)

271.	To receive Apologies for Absence and Notifications of Substitutions
	There were no apologies or notification of substitutions received.
272.	To receive Declarations of Interest
	There were no declarations of interest received.
273.	To approve Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 th April 2021
	The minutes had previously been circulated with the agenda.
	PROPOSED BY: Councillor Dot Agassiz SECONDED BY: Councillor Tim Taylor
	RESOLVED : That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th April 2021 be approved.
274.	Matters for Consideration
	a) Street Trading Applications
	The Committee noted that there were no street trading applications for consideration.
	b) Disabled Parking Bay Applications
	The Committee noted that there were no disabled bay applications for consideration.

275.	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 29^{th} March – 5^{th} April, 6^{th} – 11^{th} April and 12^{th} – 18^{th} April 2021.
275.1	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.
	Cllr Agassiz requested feedback from the Committee on increasing current planning policies to link more to sustainability and climate change.
	The Chairman referred to positive responses by the Committee objecting to hedge removal and other related matters.
	Councillor Taylor suggested a positive set of guiding principles that covered sustainability.
	The Chairman advised of the potential to cross over with other committee and working party terms of reference and remit and that any altering or adding to current planning policies should be presented to this committee in the first instance. Once considered and debated recommendations could then be referred to the Town Clerk as would require full Council ratification.
	No other observations were put forward by Members,
275.2	RESOLVED: Councillors Taylor and Aggasiz would bring back to the Committee at the next meeting their suggestions for planning policy changes for consideration in the first instance by the Planning Committee itself.
	There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50 pm
	SignedDated
	Chairman of the Planning Committee