

**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT GROVE HOUSE ON
WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2015**

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.10 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Cleland, Jocelyn Holder, Jan Holloway, Steve Kane, Mike Lyall, Frederick Parsons (Vice Chairman), Alan Peak, Len Purnell (Chairman)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tania Middlemiss (Assistant Town Clerk), Julie Smith (Office Administrator) and Councillor Peter Fox.

Councillor Fox spoke at the beginning of the meeting to voice concerns over additional rehab bed space being proposed for planning application P/15/2275/F Broadway Lodge in Totterdown Lane

172.	<p>To receive Apologies for Absence and Notifications of Substitutions</p> <p>There were no apologies received.</p>
173.	<p>To receive Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
174.	<p>To approve Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 23rd September 2015</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman for chairing the previous meeting.</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman apologised for the length of the meeting which had been due to the attendance of a District Councillor and other interruptions.</p> <p>A Member requested feedback on planning applications discussed at previous meetings and disabled parking bays.</p> <p>Discussion ensued on the merits of Town Council providing comments and planning permission decisions being reached by North Somerset Council that were contrary. A dual-hatted Councillor stated that in his experience that full consideration was given by North Somerset's Committees to Town Council comments.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk advised that North Somerset Council were the official body but that the Town Council were statutory consultees. All planning application decisions were available for public viewing on North Somerset Council's website. However, it was not possible due to timescales to facilitate this within monthly Planning Committee meetings as the main remit of the Committee was to consider new applications.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that an update relating to Disabled Bay feedback would be dealt with under agenda item 4.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Councillor Jocelyn Holder SECONDED: Councillor Frederick Parsons</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Minutes be confirmed as a true record of the meeting and be</p>

	<p>signed by the Chairman of the meeting.</p> <p><i>Councillor Fox left the meeting at 7.10 pm</i></p>
<p>175.</p>	<p>Matters for Consideration</p> <p>a) Street Trading Applications</p> <p>The Committee noted the up-to-date list of current applications which were available to view at the meeting and the comments of Ward Councillors.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That North Somerset Council’s Licensing Department be notified of the decision for the following Street Trading Application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Centre Café Bar 12 The Centre – No objection <p>b) To receive notification of Disabled Parking Bay Applications</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk advised in response to Councillor Lyall’s earlier request that North Somerset Council would now be sending a copy of the approval/refusal letter every time a disabled bay in Weston-super-Mare was determined and this information would be incorporated in the tabled report at the meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 28 Clarkson Avenue – No Objection <p>A new request was available to view at the meeting, including comments from one of the Ward Councillors.</p> <p>Councillor Lyall advised that he was also the Ward Councillor for this road but had not been notified of the application.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk apologised if this had been the case and would make relevant enquires to prevent further occurrence.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Committee decision be referred to North Somerset Council’s Streets and Open Spaces.</p>
<p>176.</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 for 21st & 28th September and 5th & 12th October 2015.</p> <p>Discussion ensued on Weston-super-Mare Town Council Policy and North Somerset Council Policy in relation to one-bedroomed flats in Central Ward and discouraging changes of use from retail to residential in established shopping areas.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk advised that she would bring current Town Council planning polices to the next meeting in order that the Committee could deliberate further and potentially make recommendations/amendments to full Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) That North Somerset Council’s Policy status be established in relation to one bedroom flats in the Town Centre.

- b) The Assistant Town Clerk and Chairman would meet to discuss current planning policy and should revisions be felt necessary they would be put forward to the Town Clerk for inclusion in the new Town Council Strategy for 2016-2020 which was currently being determined by Group Leaders prior to Town Council approval in January 2016.
- c) That the comments contained in Appendix A be forwarded to North Somerset Council.

The Chairman reiterated his requests at previous meetings for Councillors to undertake preliminary notes of objections to planning applications direct from North Somerset Council's website in their own particular wards prior to meetings and bring comments with them to Committee in order to reduce the amount of debate into so many planning applications and trim meeting times.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm

Signed.....Dated

Councillor Len Purnell
Chairman of the Planning Committee