

**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT GROVE HOUSE ON
WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2015**

Meeting Commenced: 7.15 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.50 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Cleland, Jocelyn Holder, Jan Holloway, Peter Fox (S), Mike Lyall, Frederick Parsons (Vice Chairman) & Alan Peak

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tania Middlemiss (Assistant Town Clerk), Julie Smith (Office Administrator). Seven parishioners were also in attendance.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Len Purnell, the Vice Chairman, Cllr Frederick Parsons chaired the meeting.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Mr David Burroughs representing Lyefield Road Residents Association spoke in relation planning application 14/P/2274/F Land at Lyefield Road, Weston-super-Mare. Concerns were voiced over highway safety and disruption that the planned access to the site would cause proposals made for an alternative route for contractors whilst the work was in progress to the Crematorium site. A letter of objection was provided to the Chairman and had also been lodged with North Somerset Council.

The Chairman thanked residents for their representation and officially opened the meeting at 7.15 pm.

207.	<p>To receive Apologies for Absence and Notifications of Substitutions</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Len Purnell (Chairman) who was substituted by Councillor Peter Fox.</p>
208.	<p>To receive Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
209.	<p>To approve Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21st October 2015</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman for chairing the previous meeting.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Councillor Jan Holloway SECONDED: Councillor Jocelyn Holder</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Minutes be confirmed as a true record of the meeting and be signed by the Chairman of the meeting.</p>
210.	<p>Consideration of Planning Application 14/P/2274/F Land at Lyefield Road, Weston-super-Mare</p> <p>The Chairman brought forward discussion on the above application from agenda item 5 b) in order that parishioners could be present for the Councillors debate.</p> <p>Ward Councillors for the area updated the Committee on neighbourhood meetings and strong residential objections which they supported.</p> <p>Discussion ensued on highway safety issues, an alternative safer access point at Ebdon</p>

	<p>Road, the possibility of a site meeting and the history of the site.</p> <p>The Committee noted that deliberations on this application had been on-going for some four and a half years and that North Somerset Council's Policy & Regulatory Committee would be determining the application in December 2015.</p> <p>RESOLVED: To inform North Somerset Council that the Town Council do not object to the expansion of the site but strongly object to the construction of a temporary access from Lyefield Road for construction work. Lyefield Road is little more than a country lane with drainage just below the surface where the risk of contamination to the water table is high. We understand that the permission for the original cemetery site was granted on the basis that the rural character of Lyefield Road would be retained and that any further works to the site would be accessed from Ebdon Road. Ebdon Road is much wider and considered to be the best point of access for construction traffic, and where the impacts on pedestrian and highway safety would be much reduced.</p>
<p>211.</p>	<p>Matters for Consideration</p> <p>a) Street Trading Applications</p> <p>The Committee noted that there were no applications to be considered.</p> <p>b) To receive notification of Disabled Parking Bay Applications</p> <p>Discussion ensued on the merits of the following application where comments had been received from the Ward Councillor.</p> <p>1. 1 Montpelier House - Objection</p> <p>RESOLVED: To advise North Somerset Council's Streets and Open Spaces of the Town Council's objection.</p>
<p>212.</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 19th, 26th October and 2nd & 9th November 2015 and deferred application 15/P/2260/F.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>a) That the comments contained in Appendix A be forwarded to North Somerset Council.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk informed the Committee that following debates at recent meetings in relation to Council Policy on one-bedroomed accommodation in the town centre that the Chairman and Ward Councillor had been updated in relation to draft policy DM29 and that further detail would be brought to the December meeting. Other items included several consultations on North Somerset Council's Core Strategy, West of England Joint Spatial Plan and West of England Joint Transport Plan.</p> <p>It was noted that Committee members were provided with hard copy information on the above at the meeting and supporting electronic information was being supplied via email.</p>

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 pm

Signed.....Dated

Councillor Frederick Parsons
Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee