# WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE PLANNING WORKING PARTY HELD ON AT GROVE HOUSE WEDNESDAY 20th October 2021

**Meeting Commenced:** 7.05 pm **Meeting Concluded**:19.45.pm

PRESENT: Councillors Jan Holloway (Chairman), Dot Agassiz, Tim Taylor, Pete Fox (S),

Richard Tucker (S)

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

The Chairman thanked Members, substitutes and Officers for attending the first in-person meeting of the Committee following the Council's decision on 20<sup>th</sup> September to dispense with virtual meetings and return to in person.

182.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes
	Apologies were received from Cllr Armstrong, Bute, Hitchins and Peak. Cllr Fox substituted for Cllr Bute and Cllr Richard Tucker substituted for Cllr Peak.
183.	Declarations of Interest
	There were no declarations of interest received.
184.	To agree the accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
	The minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated with the agenda.
	PROPOSED BY: Councillor Tim Taylor SECONDED BY: Councillor Dot Agassiz
	<b>RECOMMENDED:</b> That the minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman.
185.	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 parking bay applications for consideration

#### c) Pre Planning Consultation Cellnex 235183

**RESOLVED:** The Committee noted the plans and had No Objection.

## **Matters for Noting**

Reconsultation for Planning Application 21/P/1541/FUH 24 Totterdown Road

RESOLVED: Noted.

# 186. 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:  $20^{th} - 26^{th}$  September,  $27^{th}$  September –  $3^{rd}$  October and  $4^{th}$  October –  $10^{th}$  October 2021.

**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.

### 187.

The Chairman informed the Committee that she had contacted the Town Clerk to ask whether the Planning Committee could be moved to a daytime meeting or revert back to remote meetings to prevent members and officers having to come out to the Museum or Grove House for Committee meetings during the winter months on the dark evenings.

Members present expressed that the previous virtual arrangements on a Wednesday evening had worked very well for this committee, some of whom had daytime work commitments.

Officers confirmed that meeting in person arrangements had been challenging as had required a good deal of time ringing around for substitutes to prevent being inquorate.

The Chairman felt that consideration of the decision that all committees revert to in person meetings and to permit Planning Committee and other named committees to go back to remote meetings through the winter months was pragmatic in the circumstances and should be re-discussed.

**RESOLVED**: An agenda item would be placed on the next meeting of the committee on 17<sup>th</sup> November, along with email communications to consult the other members of the Committee that may be unable to attend that meeting. Additionally an agenda item be requested .......for Full Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

There being	no further	business t	the Chairma	an closed	I the m	neeting a	at 19.4	5 pm
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Chairman of the Planning Committee

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