

**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT GROVE HOUSE ON
WEDNESDAY 25th MAY 2016**

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: pm

PRESENT: Councillors Len Purnell (Chairman), Catherine Gibbons, Jocelyn Holder (Vice-Chairman), Michael Lyall & Frederick Parsons.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tania Middlemiss (Assistant Town Clerk) & Julie Smith (Office Administrator)

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Assistant Town Clerk invited nominations from the Committee for the post of Chairman.

1.	<p>Election of Chairman</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Parsons and seconded by Councillor Holder that Councillor Purnell be elected as Chairman.</p> <p>All members of the Committee were in favour and the vote was carried.</p> <p>Prior to the business of the meeting the Chairman invited public participation by three members of Bleadon Parish Council in respect of application 16/P/105/F, Land at Bleadon Hill, Weston-super-Mare where there were high levels of objection to a replication of the 2015 application which was subsequently at appeal stage.</p> <p><i>Councillor Holloway apologised for needing to leave the meeting at 7.10 pm</i></p>
2.	<p>To receive Apologies for Absence and Notifications of Substitutions</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Cleland</p>
3.	<p>To receive Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Declarations of interest were received from Members as follows:-</p> <p>Councillor Holder – Governor at Walliscote School (Application 16/P/0813/F & 16/P/0814/F)</p> <p>Councillor Gibbons – Governor at Windwhistle School (Application 16/P/1024/RG3)</p>
4.	<p>To approve Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6th April 2016</p> <p>PROPOSED BY: Councillor Holder SECONDED BY: Councillor Gibbons</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>

5.	<p>Election of Vice Chairman</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Lyall and seconded by Councillor Gibbons that Councillor Holder be elected as Vice-Chairman.</p> <p>All members of the Committee were in favour and the vote was carried.</p>
6.	<p>Matters for Consideration</p> <p>Street Trading Applications</p> <p>The Committee noted that there were no new applications to be discussed at the meeting.</p> <p>Disabled Bay Applications</p> <p>The Committee noted feedback from Ward Councillors on applications as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Woodpecker Drive – Councillor Kus • 36 Linden Avenue – Councillors Willis & Lyall • 4 Birchwood Avenue – Councillors Willis & Lyall • 41 Severn Avenue – Councillors Holder and Payne • 42 Meadvale – Councillor Kus <p>RESOLVED: To inform North Somerset Council’s Streets and Open Spaces department of the Town Council’s comments and decisions by the Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Woodpecker Drive – No objection • 36 Linden Avenue – Objection • 4 Birchwood Avenue – No objection • 41 Severn Avenue – Objection • 42 Meadvale – Objection
7.	<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 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th April and 2nd, 9th and 16th May 2016.</p> <p>The Chairman reminded the new Committee and re-enforced the need for all Ward Members to research the planning applications in their own wards <u>prior</u> to attending Committee meetings. Mechanisms to undertake this included North Somerset Council’s website where all comments and objections are clearly set out for inspection for Members and the public alike, visiting the Town Hall or internet viewing via laptop at Grove House from 6.30 pm prior to monthly meetings. It was a requirement that going forward unless there was a genuine reason for debate then planning applications would be dealt with swiftly and more efficiently and that meeting times be curtailed.</p> <p>Councillor Holder left the meeting at 8.20 pm</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the comments contained in Appendix A be forwarded to North Somerset Council.</p>

	<p>There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm</p> <p>Signed.....Dated</p> <p>Councillor Len Purnell Chairman of the Planning Committee</p>
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