

**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD AT GROVE HOUSE ON  
WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Meeting Commenced:** 7.00 pm

**Meeting Concluded:** 8.20 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert Cleland, Pete Fox, Jan Holloway (Chairman), Frederick Parsons, Len Purnell ( Vice Chairman ) & Alan Peak.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Tania Middlemiss (Assistant Town Clerk) & Cllr Richard Nightingale.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman thanked Cllr Nightingale for his attendance which was in relation to a recent meeting with North Somerset Council’s Planning Case Officer in relation to a planning for the Royal Hotel.

169	<p><b>To receive Apologies for Absence and Notifications of Substitutions</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Steven Kane.</p>
170	<p><b>To receive Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interest received.</p>
171	<p><b>To approve Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017</b></p> <p><b>PROPOSED BY:</b> Councillor Parsons <b>SECONDED BY:</b> Councillor Peak</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes be confirmed as a true record of the meeting and be signed by the Chairman.</p>
172	<p><b>Planning Application - 17/P/1721/F Royal Hotel, Weston super Mare</b></p> <p>The Chairman brought forward the above deferred planning application for discussion.</p> <p>The Committee noted that in response to a request for a site meeting that North Somerset Council’s Planning Case Officer and Councillor Nightingale (District Councillor) had facilitated a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at Grove House in order that the Planning Cttee could discuss the application in more detail.</p> <p>The Chairman gave an overview of the discussions at the meeting highlighting that the key concern areas were the underground parking and the size and mass of the proposal which would obscure Spider Lane which was the link between the Town Square and Seafront.</p> <p>Cllr Nightingale encouraged the Committee to express a view which would enable justification for modifications and advised that the Case Officer was currently in discussions with the applicant in relation to amendments/modifications to the proposal as was the proper process.</p>

	<p>Debate ensued.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk thanked the Chairman and Cllr Nightingale for their close attention and support with the determination of this significant application.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> The Town Council objected to the application, and the comments would be included in the Appendix A to the minutes and forwarded to North Somerset Council's Planning Department.</p>
173	<p><b>Matters for Considerations</b></p> <p><b>a) Street Trading Applications</b></p> <p>The Committee noted there were no applications to be considered.</p> <p><b>b) Disabled Bay Applications</b></p> <p>The Committee noted there were no applications to be considered.</p> <p>Discussion ensued on feedback from North Somerset Council on the progress of applications.</p> <p>Councillor Nightingale advised that North Somerset Council were currently reviewing enforcement and 'limits' in certain roads where problems existed.</p> <p>Debate ensued on applicant expectations and whether a small charge should be added at the beginning of the process to help with the costs of bay removal should the applicant move or no longer require the bay</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> To recommend to North Somerset Council that consideration be given to adding a small increase to the application fee to cater for bay removal if no longer required.</p> <p><b>c) NSC – new computer system 'Uniform' for the processing of planning and building control applications.</b></p> <p>A report circulated with the agenda was noted detailing that North Somerset Council were switching to a new computer system for the processing planning and building control applications as part of their modernisation of the service. The impact of this was that the consultation process would be extended for applications received after 18<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>It was hoped that 'Uniform' would be running in time for the October meeting despite out understandings of technical delays which was likely to push back the go-live date.</p> <p>A list was circulated at the meeting which detailed the new suffixes and reference numbers which would be used going forward.</p>
174	<p><b>Planning Applications and Other Planning Matters Submitted to the Town Council for Consideration</b></p> <p>The committee considered applications in respect of the weekly lists dated 28<sup>th</sup> August, 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and deferred applications &amp; 17/P/1916/F</p>

	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> 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 8.20 pm</p> <p>Signed.....Dated .....</p> <p><b>Chairman of the Planning Committee</b></p>