



WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT 32 WATERLOO STREET ON
WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2024**

Meeting Commenced: 7.00 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.01 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Caroline Reynolds (Chair), Ray Armstrong, Roger Bailey, Peter Crew, Owen James, Justyna Peak-Michalowicz. Timothy Taylor and Richard Tucker.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Pearse (Chief Executive Officer /Town Clerk) and Rebecca Saunders (Civic & Committee Officer).

210	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitution Apologies were received from Councillors Joe Bambridge and Martin Williams with no substitutions.
211	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest received.
212	Minutes of the previous Planning Committee Meeting held on 13th November 2024 The minutes from the previous meeting held on 13 th November 2024 had been previously circulated. PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew SECONDED BY: Councillor Owen James RESOLVED: That the minutes of the 13 th November 2024 be approved and signed by the Chair.
213	PLANNING Matters for Consideration

a) Advisory disabled parking bay applications – previously circulated to ward councillors for comment

The committee considered the following application, noting ward councillors' comments and objections from members of the public received:

1. 19 Milton Park Road - Ward Councillor Objections received.
OBJECTION - On the grounds there appeared to be enough space to park directly at the front of property on the driveway.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Caroline Reynolds

SECONDED BY: Councillor Peter Crew

RESOLVED: To inform North Somerset of the Town Council's response.

214 Matters for Noting:

a) Appeal Reference: APP/D0121/W/24/3355032 Churchill Road Business Centre, Churchill Road, Weston-Super-Mare

RESOLVED: Noted.

b) Temporary Prohibition Of Use By Vehicles: Weston AC Christmas Cracker 10k Race 2024 ROAD TRAFFIC (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 16A 15th December 2024

RESOLVED: Noted.

215 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:

- a) **4th – 10th November 2024**
- b) **11th – 17th November 2024**
- c) **18th – 24th November 2024**
- d) **25th November – 1st December 2024**

The following applications were discussed:

Application Number	Comments
2315	WSM TC were happy to support the introduction of way finding signs to the Town Centre and High street and therefore SUPPORT this application.
2367	WSM TC The Committee considered the comments on the application and agreed to SUPPORT the application.
2386	WSM TC The Committee considered the application and had no comments or objections. NEUTRAL

RESOLVED: That the Town Council's comments on planning applications discussed be directly uploaded to the '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.

ENVIRONMENTAL

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Report of the Arboricultural Consultant

The report of the Council's Arboricultural Consultant, Steve Clark had been previously circulated.

a) Tree Management

No major damage had been reported after the recent storm, a number of limbs had been lost on two trees in the cemetery which would require them to be reduced in height and rebalanced. Ellenborough Park West had a branch fall into the road which was due to be cleared in the coming days.

b) Tree Planting Scheme

The report of the Senior Development Officer had been previously circulated.

More trees were due to be planted that week in the cemetery and plans had been confirmed to work with Big Worle and plant several trees in the new year. Connections in the community had been forged to encourage social prescribing.

The CEO/Town Clerk reported that utilising the £10,000 previously ring fenced for match funding community, could plant trees in their suggested location. North Somerset Council had now declared no capacity to match fund any tree planting schemes in their current financial situation.

A plan of projected fees per tree was shared with the committee and a conservative forecast for the number of trees which could be planted and maintained with £10,000 was 37-55 but was not an exact estimate and it was hoped the final number would be higher.

A discussion ensued regarding a watering schedule and tree maintenance. The Council's Grounds team would be undergoing training in the new year to enable them to undertake basic maintenance such as simple pruning, further reducing the need to outsource services to the tree surgeon.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Peter Crew

SECONDED BY: Councillor Ray Armstrong

A vote was taken and **carried**.

RESOLVED:

- Option A – working with the Community for tree planting would be done on a case by case basis. It would be expected that at least 1.2 would be covered by the community group, as well as potentially 1.3 and 1.4.
- A minimum of 2 days of Jack Pine Ltd work would produce a minimum of 10 trees.
- Please note, all costs are approximate and based on current market values.
- Cost savings could be made through high purchase volumes.
- Site considerations will be different from site to site and there will have to be a level of adaptability
- It is expected that the above would yield 37-55 trees based on the budget available £10,000

c) Green Infrastructure Strategy Update

Steve Clarke the Arboricultural informed the Committee the next part of The Strategy would be to create an action plan; this document would be brought back to a future meeting once completed. He further reported that work was being undertaken with a colleague to ensure the plan fitted in with national direction and fed into the 5 pillars of the Council's Strategy.

RESOLVED: That the verbal update from the Arboricultural Consultant be noted.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.01 pm.

Signed.....Dated
Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee