



**23. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES** – None to date.

**24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 72(a)/Sep/12 refers), Members will be asked whether they have any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members are reminded that a declaration can be given later in the meeting if a need arises during discussion.

**25. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – 8 JULY 2013 (enclosed)**

**26. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

(i) **6 Thorngate** - Listed building consent for installation of replacement front door (**Heritage Statement enclosed**).

(ii) **10 Wood Street** - Two storey extension (**Design and Access Statement and Heritage Statement enclosed**).

**27. PLANNING APPLICATION DECISION NOTICE**

To report that, pursuant to Minute 10(v)/Jun/13, the following planning application recommended for refusal by this Council has subsequently been approved by Durham County Council:-

**20 Horsemarket** - Subdivision of existing retail shop to form 3 individual units comprising 2 retail shops and 1 hot food takeaway and restaurant (change of use).

The reasons for approval were as follows:-

The proposed development would bring back into use a vacant building in the heart of the Barnard Castle Town Centre and create two retail shop units and a hot food takeaway and restaurant, diversifying the range of shops and food establishments available to visitors. The proposal would improve the appearance of the building to the benefit of the character and appearance of the conservation area. It is considered that there would be no adverse impact upon local amenities or highway safety.

The local planning authority worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner to ensure that the form of the proposal was acceptable to the town centre and conservation area.

**Recommendation** – That the information be noted.

**28. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT BARNARD CASTLE SCHOOL (report enclosed)**

Barnard Castle School recently held a consultation event in respect of their plans for the erection of a new 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre within the existing school, cross funded by a proposed 70 residential housing development on surplus land, off Green Lane. Proposed layouts and plans were on display and it is understood that those plans were purely indicative at this stage, primarily to gauge a public perception of the development, and were not necessarily the final layout to be submitted as a planning application.

Councillor Watson attended the consultation event as a Planning Committee representative and has provided an associated report, attached to this agenda. Whilst Councillor Watson has, in his report, made specific recommendations in respect of the proposals, it is recommended that at this stage, and in line with other significant planning applications for the town, the information in the report is simply noted at this time. As this is a significant development for the town, it will be more appropriate for the proposals to be considered by the full Planning Committee when all the associated documents are available for all members to view, with a subsequent onward recommendation to full Council.

**Recommendation** – That the information be noted.