

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

24 JUNE 2013

PRESENT:- Councillor Harrison (Town Mayor) (in the Chair); Councillors Blissett, Kinch and Watson.

Officer:- Mr King (Town Clerk).

12. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES – None.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 72(a)/Sep/12 refers), Members were asked whether they had 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 were reminded that a declaration could be given later in the meeting if a need arose during discussion. There were no declarations of interest at this juncture.

14. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – 10 JUNE 2013

Resolved – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were submitted for consideration:-

- (i) **The Hub** - Installation of floodlit multi-use games area. A Design and Access Statement had been circulated for Members' information.

Resolved – That conditional approval be recommended.

- (ii) **66 Newgate** - Listed building consent to rebuild rear porch and new door opening. A Design and Access Statement had been circulated for Members' information.

Resolved – That listed building consent be recommended.

16. TRAFFIC ORDER CONSULTATION

Submitted – Details of a traffic order consultation in order to clarify the signage in relation to the A67 Horse Market and Market Place only. It was noted that the making of the order was for administrative purposes only.

Resolved – That no objection be given.

17. PROPOSED SALE OF DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL OWNED LAND

Submitted – Maps showing two areas of land at Montalbo Road, currently owned by DCC. The Town Council was being consulted as to whether it had any overriding operational reasons for the land to be retained by DCC. It was noted that the information provided was insufficient to gauge the operational consequences of the changes of ownership proposed, both to the county council's residual responsibilities and to the rights of others who may have access rights over these areas.

Resolved – That the Clerk request more information from the Asset Management team of Durham County Council regarding the access rights across the identified areas to seek clarification for the Planning Committee's consideration on 8 July.

18. BUS STOPS ON THE BANK

The Clerk summarised a letter received from a resident (Mr Peter Colley) requesting the Town Council's support in opposing the 'formalization' of bus stops located at 49-51 and 42-46 The Bank, Barnard Castle. Members reviewed his stated position that the bus stops were detrimental to shoppers, residents and businesses on The Bank. Mr Colley had written to the Town Council in response to a request from County Councillor Barbara Harrison, that he do so to complement 'a realistic proposal to DCC'. In debate, it was concluded that the bus stops had been in situ for considerably longer than asserted in the request and were both used and useful.

Resolved – That, in the absence of a mitigating proposal, the Town Council does not support Mr Colley's opposition to formalization of the bus stops on The Bank at this time and that the Clerk write to Mr Colley stating this decision, with copies to County Councillors Harrison and Bell.