

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

8 JULY 2013

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

Officer:- Mrs Plant (Assistant Clerk).

19. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Harrison (Town Mayor).

Resolved – That Councillor Harrison's apologies be accepted.

20. 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. Councillor Blissett declared a personal interest in respect of Minute 22(i) and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon. Councillor Watson declared a personal interest in respect of Minute 22(iii) and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

21. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – 24 JUNE 2013

It was reported that, in respect of Minute 17 (proposed sale of Durham County Council owned land), DCC Asset Management had confirmed that that all existing rights of way would be retained.

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

22. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were submitted for consideration:-

(i) **20 Bridgegate** - Conversion of single dwelling into 2 No. flats. A Design and Access Statement and Heritage Statement had been circulated for Members' information.

Resolved – That the application be recommended for refusal as the external alterations contravenes GD1 and BENV4 of the Teesdale Local Plan 2002. It is considered that any subdivision of the property should be made without any external alterations.

(ii) **13 Old School Close** - Replacement of existing timber windows and doors with sliding sash UPVC windows and composite doors. A Heritage Statement had been circulated for Members' information.

Resolved – That the application be recommended for refusal as the UPVC windows and composite doors contravene GD1 and BENV4 of the Teesdale Local Plan 2002. It is considered that the material of the replacement windows and doors should be timber.

(iii) **The Witham** – Advertisement consent for the installation of external signage. A Design and Access Statement and Heritage Statement had been circulated for Members' information.

Resolved – That the application be recommended for refusal as the proposed signs contravene GD1 and BENV9 of the Teesdale Local Plan 2002. The proposed signs are considered to be too contemporary and that a more appropriate heritage style sign should be used.