

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

27 JANUARY 2014

PRESENT:- Councillor Harrison (Town Mayor)(in the Chair); Councillors Blissett, Kinch and Watson; Councillors Deacon, Peat (Minutes 76 to 79 inclusive) and Robinson (Minutes 79(part of) to 82 inclusive).

Also in attendance:- Mr S Timmiss (DCC Head of Planning and Assets) and Mr S Reed (DCC Planning Development Manager)(Minutes 76 to 78 inclusive); Ms G Hay (Area Manager, Homes and Communities Agency) and Mr T Baker (GVA Property Consultants)(Minutes 76 to 79 inclusive). Three members of the press.

Officers:- Mr King (Town Clerk) and Mrs Plant (Assistant Clerk).

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

77. 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.

78. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL, HEAD OF PLANNING

Mr S Timmiss, Durham County Council's Head of Planning and Assets, and Mr S Reed, Durham County Council's Planning Development Manager, attended the meeting to provide members with an insight into the statutory consultee role of local councils in respect to development control and wider planning issues. A question and answer session ensued.

Resolved – That Mr Timmiss and Mr Reed be thanked for their attendance.

79. HOMES AND COMMUNITIES AGENCY – PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT THE FRONT OF HMYOI DEERBOLT, STARTFORTH

Ms G Hay (Area Manager, Homes and Communities Agency) and Mr T Baker (GVA (HCA's Property Consultants)) attended the meeting to give a presentation in respect of the proposed housing development at the front of HMYOI Deerbolt, Startforth. A question and answer session ensued.

Resolved – That Ms Hay and Mr Baker be thanked for their attendance.

80. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – 30 DECEMBER 2013

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

81. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The following application was submitted for consideration:-

(i) **St Marys RC Primary School** - Extensions to include new classroom. A Design and Access Statement had been circulated for Members' information.

Resolved – That conditional approval be recommended.

82. REFERRAL OF A QUESTION FROM COUNCIL

A question was raised at the meeting of Full Council on Monday 20 January, in response to the approved minutes of the Planning Committee, dated 16 December 2013. A member asked why no objections had been raised by the committee in considering the application; item 70(i), relating to The Little Livery, Westwick Road. It was noted that no objections were raised, notwithstanding the location of the application outside the town's built-up area. It was RESOLVED by Council that the question be referred to the next meeting of the Planning Committee for a response (Council Minute 90/Jan/14).

Consequently, the question was submitted at this Planning Committee meeting and was subsequently responded to with references made to the relevant policies in the Teesdale Local Plan that had been considered by the Planning Committee when considering the planning application in question.