

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

24 MARCH 2014

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

Also in attendance:- One member of the press.

Officer:- Mr King (Town Clerk).

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

88. 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.

89. MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING – 10 FEBRUARY 2014

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

90. DECISION NOTICE

It was reported that, pursuant to Minute 70(ii)/Dec/13, the following planning application recommended for refusal by this Council had subsequently been approved by Durham County Council:-

32 Cecil Road - Variation of condition 7 of planning permission 6/2011/0162/DM to allow annexe to be occupied separately by tenant.

The reasons for the decision were outlined.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

91. HIGHWAYS ORDER CONSULTATION

It was reported that Durham County Council intended to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32 and 35 and Pt IV of Sch. 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effects of which were outlined.

Resolved – That the broad intentions of the Order be supported, with the following recommendations and observations of Barnard Castle Town Council:

- a) That the loading bay proposed outside 22 Market Place should operate from 06:00 to 09:00 only and should be maintained as 'Parking 9am-6pm, no return', otherwise, to preserve operational car parking capacity and to encourage loading to take place outside peak commercial hours;
- b) That the design and road-marking of the proposed motor cycle bay opposite 13 Market Place should ensure sufficient provision for pedestrian access to the Market Place toilets and the public seating thereon, through the inclusion of a marked 'gangway' or similar;

- c) That the loading bay proposed outside 1-3 Galgate should operate from 06:00 to 09:00 only and should be maintained as is, otherwise, to preserve operational car parking capacity and to encourage loading to take place outside peak commercial hours; and
- d) That the extension to the area of 'no waiting' at Scar Top is supported, but that discussions should be held with the Methodist Church, to ensure proper provision for access, loading and unloading to and from the church hall.

It was noted, in conclusion, that consultation by the county council in advance of formal notification of the public notice would enable a more discursive and constructive response by the town council.

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