

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

15 DECEMBER 2014

PRESENT: Councillor Harrison (in the Chair); Councillors Blissett (Town Mayor), Marshall and Yarker.

Also in attendance: One member of the press.

Officers: Mr King (Town Clerk) and Mrs Woodward (Deputy Clerk)

61. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Kinch.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Kinch's apologies be accepted.

62. 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.

63. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 1 DECEMBER 2014 – MINUTES

Resolved (a) That the Minutes be approved as a correct record; and

(b) That traffic calming measures be added to the agenda for the next meeting to develop a proposal to present to Durham County Council.

64. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The following application was submitted as a late addition for consideration:-

(i) **105 Galgate (Il Palazzo)** (DM/14/03716/FPA) – Retrospective application for a new extraction duct, canopy roof to side kitchen door and retractable canopy to front entrance and for the erection of a 2m high timber fence.

RESOLVED – That the Town Council supports the application.

65. STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS

Following circulation (59b/Dec/14) of the Durham County Council revised street lighting policy, which is now in operation, and issues raised by members of the public and of the council regarding the quality of lighting in residential streets, members considered options the town council might take on this issue.

RESOLVED – To refer to full council on 19 January 2015 a decision to formally object to the implementation of the current policy on the grounds of public safety.

66. KING STREET TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER

Submitted: Notification received from Durham County Council that from 5 January 2014 for approx. 8 months, a temporary road closure order under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 is in force to close to vehicles a 30 metre length of King Street that extends southwards from its junction with A67 Galgate.

The road closure is to provide for a site compound for building works at Teesdale House (Minute 12/June/14 refers). Temporary road closures can last up to 18 months and there is no legal requirement to consult. The relevant fee has been paid and Durham County Councillors notified.

RESOLVED (a) That the information is noted; and
(b) That the Clerk write on behalf of the Town Council to formally object to the principle and the duration of the closure and to make its concerns about the consequent disruption public.