

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**13 APRIL 2015**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Harrison (in the Chair), Blissett, Marshall and Kinch.

**Also in attendance:** Two members of the press.

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

**94. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Yarker.

**RESOLVED** – That Councillor Yarker's apologies be accepted.

**95. 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.

**96. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 23 MARCH 2015 – MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

**97. APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPLICATION UPDATES**

(a) The following applications were submitted for consideration:

- (i) **DM/15/00930/FPA – 24 High Riggs** Conversion of existing garage and two storey side extension.

It was noted that the boundary line between Barnard Castle and Marwood Parishes ran through the property.

**RESOLVED** – a) That due to the difficulty of ascertaining the responsible parish, the Town Council neither supports nor objects to the application and;

b) That Durham County Council take into account refusal of a similar application at the property, which did not accord with policies GD1 and H11 of the Teesdale District Local Plan (6/2007/0296/DM refers).

(b) The following application updates were received for information only:

- (i) **DM/15/00352/FPA & DM/15/00353/LB – County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, Fire Station, Wilson Street** Demotion of fire station and storage building, make good listed wall, erection of Quad Emergency Services Building, with associated training yard, car parking and access.

Pursuant to the Town Council's request to hold a planning committee in Barnard Castle, Durham County Council had confirmed that the application would be considered in Durham. A date and time had yet to be decided. Members noted residents' comments and concerns that a 24 hour traffic survey had been carried out in school holidays and would not present a full picture of traffic issues. These comments and concerns had been relayed to the County Council.

**RESOLVED** – a) That the information be noted and;

b) That another traffic survey in school hours be requested.

- (ii) **DM/14/02696/FPA – Land South of HMYOI Deerbolt, Startforth Park** – Reserved matters pursuant to outline permission 6/2013/0026/DM/OP for erection of 64 dwellings and associated infrastructure.

Pursuant to the resolution of full Council to conditionally support the application (Minute 76/Sept/14 refers), the Town Council had been copied into a letter from a resident to the County Council, requesting that the application be overturned. Members noted that Startforth Parish Council had been notified by the Clerk.

**RESOLVED** – That the information be noted.