

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
18 MAY 2015**

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

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Deacon and one member of the press.

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

**3. APOLOGIES**

None.

**4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/16**

Councillor Yarker was proposed and seconded.

**Resolved** – That Councillor Yarker be appointed Vice Chair of Planning Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

**5. 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.

**6. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 27 APRIL 2015 – MINUTES**

**Resolved** - That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

**7. SPECIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 11 MAY 2015 – MINUTES**

**Resolved** - That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

**8. PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE**

**DM/15/00352/FPA & DM/15/00353/LB – County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, Fire Station, Wilson Street**

It was noted that Durham County Council resolved to grant planning permission on 5 May. Pursuant to Annual Council (Minute 21 (4)/May/15 refers), a draft formal letter of response was circulated for comment, that expressed the Town Council's concerns at the planning process and determination of the application.

**Resolved** – That the draft letter be approved and sent to Durham County Council.

**9. STREET FURNITURE**

It was reported that a member of the public had approached the Town Council requesting support to tackle the increasing amount of street furniture in the town (advertising boards; outside café style seating etc). It was confirmed that a street café on pavements was required to be licensed by the County Council as Highways Authority. It was further noted that Durham County Council had considered the adoption of a Street Trading Policy at full Council on 1 April 2015. The resolution was not yet known.

**Resolved** – That further clarification be sought from Durham County Council Neighbourhood Services, with regard to how the proposed policy would apply to Barnard Castle.