

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE
1 JUNE 2015**

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

Also in attendance: One member of the press.

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

10. ACCEPTANCE OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Kinch.

Resolved – That Councillor Kinch's apologies be accepted.

11. 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. Councillor Yarker declared an interest in respect of 13(a)(ii) and did not take part in the vote on that item.

12. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 18 MAY 2015 – MINUTES

Councillor Blissett asked for an update pursuant to Minute 9. It was reported that information was still being sought from Durham County Council Neighbourhood Services.

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

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) The following applications were submitted for consideration:

(i) DM/15/01375/FPA – **10 Montgomery Road** Retain detached summerhouse to rear.

It was noted that this was a retrospective application. Members were concerned about the increase in retrospective applications generally and requested that the matter be raised with Durham County planners.

Resolved – (a) That the Town Council supports the application and;

(b) That members' concerns of the increase in retrospective applications be raised with Durham County Council planners.

(ii) DM/15/01363/FPA – **Queen Street/Birch Street** Conversion of storage building to 2 no. residential apartments

Resolved – That the Town Council supports the application subject to adequate control of highways issues whilst work is taking place to ensure public safety and consideration be given to the adverse impact on nature conservation (bats etc.)

(iii) DM/15/01407/LB – **Thorngate House, 8 Thorngate** Erection of open fronted garden store.

Resolved – That the Town Council supports the application.

(iv) DM/15/01451/FPA – **56 Montalbo Road** Single storey extension to rear (resubmission of previously approved planning permission DM/14/03706/FPA).

Resolved – That the Town Council supports the application.

(b) The following application was received for information only:

(i) DM/15/00315/FPA – **25 Bede Road** Erection of 2 no. dormer windows to the rear.

It was reported that pursuant to Minute 88(a)(ii)/Feb/15, this Committee resolved to support the application. Durham County Planning subsequently resolved to refuse planning permission for the following reason: "The proposed dormer windows, by reason of their design and scale would appear as an overly dominant and visually intrusive form of development within the rear roofscape, failing to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the Barnard Castle Conservation Area. This is contrary to saved policies GD1 (A, Ba), BENV4(A) and H11 (A) of the Teesdale District Local Plan."

Resolved – That the information be noted.