

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
6 JULY 2015**

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

**Also in attendance:** One member of the press.

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

**24. ACCEPTANCE OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Yarker and Councillor Kinch.

**Resolved** – That Councillor Yarker's and Councillor Kinch's apologies be accepted.

**25. 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.

**26. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 29 JUNE 2015 – MINUTES**

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

**27. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were submitted for consideration:

- (i) DM/15/01950/AD – Erection of 37 no. advertisement banners attached to street lighting columns at various locations in Barnard Castle.

It was noted that the banners were already in place and the application was retrospective.

**Resolved** – That the Town Council supports the application.

- (ii) DM/15/01832/FPA & DM/15/01831/VOC – **Taylor Wimpey, High Riggs, Darlington Road** – Variation of condition 2 of application 6/2012/0047/DM to allow substitution of house types and provision of additional 7 residential dwellings on site.

It was noted that the application was in Marwood Parish but that the original application (for 100 residential properties) was considered at full Council and given conditional support (Minute 202/Mar/2012 refers).

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

**28. 20MPH PART TIME SPEED LIMIT CONSULTATION**

It was reported that pursuant to Minute 72/Jan/15, Minute 79/Jan/15 and Council Minute 96(2)(b)/Jan/15, Durham County Council was proposing to introduce 20mph part-time speed limits on the roads outside and around 33 schools in County Durham, where the child accident rate was greater than twice the national average.

The project would be delivered in 3 phases over 11 areas between 2015 to 2018.

- 2015-2015: Bishop Auckland and Chester-le-Street areas
- 2016-2017: Consett, Seaham and Stanley areas
- 2017-2018: Durham, Horden, Newton Aycliffe, Peterlee and Spennymoor area

It was noted that schools from Barnard Castle were not included in the proposals.

It was reported that the town council had not yet registered with '20s plenty for us' campaign but that a future presentation would be arranged. Members expressed concern surrounding speeding around Teesdale School and recent accidents. It was noted that Teesdale School had registered with safer schools in 2005.

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted and  
(b) That a '20s plenty for us' presentation be arranged at a future meeting.

## **29. PUBLIC FOOTPATH STOPPING UP ORDER – CONSULTATION**

Received - Pursuant to Minute 78/Jan/15 and Minute 84/Feb/15, an Order was made by Durham County Council on 25 June to stop up (in part) public footpaths no. 8 and no. 9 and divert public footpath no. 30 Marwood Parish. In addition, it was reported that Byway 27 would be closed between 13 July and 23 August. Members were concerned that this would impact on residents of Bartlemere, Green Lane School and Nursery, prior to the start of the school holidays.

**Resolved** – that the following comments be submitted to the consultation:  
(a) That consideration be given to the Byway being one way and  
(b) That members concerns be expressed regarding temporary closure of Byway 27 (Green Lane, Barnard Castle).