

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE
19 OCTOBER 2015**

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

Also in attendance: One member of the press.

Officers: Mrs Woodward (Deputy Clerk)

56. ACCEPTANCE OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Yarker (who was away); and Councillor Blissett (due to ill-health).

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

57. 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.

58. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 5 OCTOBER 2015 – MINUTES

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

59. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The following applications were submitted for consideration:

- (i) DM/15/02977/FPA – **Westholme, Harmire Road** – Retention of detached garage building in revised position with alterations, erection of boundary wall and fence.

It was noted that previous application DM/14/02633/FPA was refused and dismissed on appeal and that enforcement action was ongoing to seek removal of the unauthorised garage building and wall/fence, built partly on the public highway. Durham County Council Highway's comments were noted, recommending the boundary wall be removed to a position in line with the previous wooden fence boundary.

Resolved – That the Town Council objects to the application due to highway issues.

- (ii) DM/15/03014/FPA – **Queen Street/Birch Road** – Conversion of ground floor storage unit to 1 no. residential apartment.

It was noted that this was an amended application, which already had planning approval (DM/15/01363/FPA refers).

Resolved – (a) That the Town Council supports the application.