

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE
3 OCTOBER 2016**

PRESENT: Councillors Yarker (in the Chair); Blissett and Cooke.

Also in attendance: One member of the press.

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

50. ACCEPTANCE OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Harrison and Rowell.

Resolved – That Cllrs' apologies be accepted.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 17(b)/May/16 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.

52. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 19 SEPTEMBER 2016 – MINUTES

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

53. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The following applications were submitted for consideration:

(i) DM/16/02904/FPA – **14 Fife Road** – Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (resubmission of previously approved application DM/16/01534/FPA). It was noted that the application was resubmitted due to increased footprint to orangery.

Resolved – That the Town Council supports the application.

(ii) DM/16/02957/TCA – **The Bowes Museum, Newgate** – T82 Oak – remove upper limbs; T94 Monkey Puzzle Tree – fell; T98 Oak – remove upper limbs; T110 Norway Maple – fell; T122 Horse Chestnut – remove 2 upper limbs and trim lower branches; T399 Varigated Maple – fell; T431 Sycamore – fell; T477 Horse Chestnut – fell; T496 Sycamore – fell; T648 Black Pine – reduce height of minor stem.

It was noted that works to trees were as a result of advice on 25 June 2016 from Simon McGinty, Tree Officer, with Mark Lister, Hamsterly Tree Surgeons. All tree works had been agreed on-site with the applicant as part of reasonable tree management.

Resolved – That the application be noted.

(iii) DM/16/03005/FPA – **Room 4 Castle Chambers, 21-23 Market Place (above BetFred)** –

Change of use from office (B1) to acupuncture clinic (D1).

Resolved – That the Town Council supports the application.

54. LICENSING APPLICATION

Application for a Minor Variation – The Bengal Merchant, 7 The Bank

An application was received from Durham County Council Licensing for a proposed variation to add “off sales” of alcohol to the existing “on sales” licence. The off sales would fall within the current licensed hours and would be restricted as “ancillary to sales of takeaway food only.”

It was noted that this application had only been received by the Town Council on 3 October and that the last date for comments was 30 September.

Resolved – That the application be noted.