

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

22 MAY 2017

PRESENT: Councillors Harrison (in the Chair), Blissett, Hallimond and Wilkes.

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

Also in attendance: Councillor Miss Blissett; one member of the press.

The Chairman reminded members of the Committee that, as it was within the pre-election period ('purdah'), the town council must comply with restrictions outlined in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986.

1. ACCEPTANCE OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES

None. Members were reminded that there was a vacancy on Planning Committee which would be filled following co-option on 19 June.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017/18

Resolved – That Councillor Blissett be elected as Vice Chair of Planning Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 12/May/17 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.

4. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 24 APRIL 2017 – MINUTES

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

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The following applications were submitted for consideration:

(i) DM/17/01536/LB – **42 Horsemarket** – Insertion of serving hatch window in shop front.

Resolved – That the town council supports the application.

(ii) DM/17/01560/FPA – **20 Galgate** – Change of use to provide additional dwelling. Members were reminded that the listed building application was considered by this Planning Committee on 24 April, when it was resolved to support the application.

Resolved – That the town council supports the application.

(iii) DM/17/01060/AD - **Unit 4 Castle Chambers 21-23 Market Place** – Proposed hanging sign.

Members were informed that Durham County Council's Design and Conservation Officer had raised concerns about initial proposals for panel signs in first floor

windows and that the scheme had subsequently been amended. Approval was given on 18 May for 1 no. hanging sign with 5 years advertising consent.

Resolved - That the application be noted.

- (iv) DM/17/01452/OUT – **Land between 21 Sherwood Close and Eldersfield Green Lane** – Outline permission for erection of 1 dwelling with access to be considered.

Resolved - That the town council supports the application with reservations regarding highway safety.

- (v) DM/17/01423/FPA – **Barnard Castle Preparatory School, Newgate** – New door access and canopy to covered area.

Resolved – That the town council supports the application.

- (vi) DM/17/01362/TCA – **30 Thorngate Place** – T1-T4 Pear – pollard leaving stems at 2.5m (trees in conservation area).
Members noted that the tree works did not need permission from Durham County Council.

Resolved - That the application be noted.