

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**16 OCTOBER 2017**

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

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Child; one member of the press.

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

**33. ACCEPTANCE OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES**

None

**34. 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.

**35. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 18 SEPTEMBER 2017 – MINUTES**

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

**36. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

The following applications were submitted for consideration:

(i) DM/17/03186/LB – **40A Horsemarket** – Listed building application for replacement of 4 windows to the first floor rear with timber sliding sash windows.

**Resolved** - That the town council supports the application.

(ii) DM/17/02949/FPA – **24A Newgate** – Removal of exposed rafters and timber enclosure and construction of timber framed storage building ancillary to existing microbrewery.

**Resolved** - That the town council supports the application.

(iii) DM/17/03118/FPA – **5 Fairfield Road** – 2m high timber fence to rear.

**Resolved** - That the town council supports the application.

(iv) DM/17/02696/FPA – **44 Cecil Road** – First floor extension with balcony to rear and roof alterations.

**37. LICENSING APPLICATIONS**

**Il Palazzo, 105 Galgate** – Application to vary a premises licence to extend licensing hours on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday until 2.30am for late night refreshment and 2.00am for sale of alcohol.

**Resolved** - That the town council objects to the application as it is deemed inappropriate for the area, due to the close proximity of care homes and elderly residents.

### **38. TOWN CENTRE DISABILITY ACCESS ISSUES**

Councillor Child presented a report following a request from a disabled resident to help with practical solutions to mobility problems in the town. A meeting with officers from Durham County Council (DCC) was arranged on 12 September and a number of issues were identified as follows:

- **Parking** – DCC would explore the possibility of accessible bays near Nat West Bank.
- **Crossings** – New railings for The Bank had been fabricated and would be erected shortly.
- **Uneven Surfaces** – The condition of paving was constantly monitored but DCC should be made aware of specific issues, such as trip hazards and slippery surfaces.
- **Shops** – These were the responsibility of the shops, which could make simple changes, such as providing temporary ramps and eliminating clutter.
- **Signs** – Need to be bigger (on Market Place Public Toilets). New signs were being made. Toilets were the responsibility of DCC, with the town council contributing towards maintenance.

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted; and  
(b) That thanks be given to Cllr Child.

### **39. ROAD SAFETY MEASURES FOR A67**

Received – a press release from DCC about proposals to improve road safety on the A67 between Bowes and Barnard Castle, including the town centre. Two drop in sessions were being held in Woodleigh on 18 and 23 October for the public to view plans.

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