

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**11 DECEMBER 2017**

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

**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 Councillor Hallimond.

**Resolved** – That the apologies be accepted.

**51. 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. Councillor Blissett declared an interest in respect of item 53(ii).

**Resolved** – That item 53(ii) be deferred to the end of the meeting.

**52. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 27 NOVEMBER 2017 – 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/17/03682/LB – **53A Galgate** – Listed building application for single storey rear extension and replace front first floor window.

It was noted that this Committee had considered the planning application on 27 November, with a resolution to support.

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

- (iii) DM/17/03663/FPA – **Land at the East of Deerbolt HMYOI and North of Bowes Road, Starforth** – Formation of a temporary access site.

**Resolved** – (a) That the town council objects to the application on grounds of highway safety. In particular, the extended timeframe from 3 to 12 months, for temporary access off Bowes Road, a Primary Access Road, presents a hazard with regard to the speed of vehicles and proximity to the junction with Lartington Lane. This is contrary to the pre- application advice from Highways that changed main site access to a new simple priority junction from Lartington Lane, rather than Bowes Road; and  
(b) That if approval is given, the town council strongly urges the county council to put in place temporary 20mph speed restrictions for the duration of the works.

#### **54. ALTERATIONS TO BUS STOP MARKINGS ON THE BANK**

It was reported that Durham County Council (DCC) was consulting some residents about proposed amendments to the marking of bus stops and parking restrictions on The Bank. This followed on from proposals originally tabled in 2013. The town council had not received a copy of the consultation letter and none appeared on DCC's website. A copy received from a resident on 23 November was circulated for information.

**Resolved** – (a) That the town council does not support additional parking restrictions at and adjacent to bus stops at 46 and 47 The Bank;  
(b) That usage of these stops does not justify the removal of on-street parking and the inconvenience to residents and businesses on The Bank;  
(c) That, if there is evidence to the contrary, then DCC ought to provide an analysis of costs and benefits of the proposed changes;  
(d) That the town council urges DCC to, at the very least, consider more limited restrictions, confined to times at which the bus stops are in active use, to better balance the needs of residents, bus operators, passengers and pedestrians; and  
(e) That the town council expresses its disappointment that no comparative proposal is included to introduce promontories (similar to those in Newgate).

#### **53(ii) PLANNING APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

DM/17/03684/FPA – **Montalbo Primary School** – Extension to nursery and school to form new classrooms, hall extension and office facilities, external storage unit and additional car parking.

**Resolved** – That the town council supports the application with reservations about site safety and the impact of site works on trees. The scheduling of construction and access arrangements should be clearly communicated and managed in such a way as to minimise risk to children and parents/ carers accessing the site during term time.