

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

23 APRIL 2018

PRESENT: Councillors Harrison (in the Chair), Blissett, Miss Blissett and Hallimond (from item 89ii).

Also in attendance: One member of the press.

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

86. ACCEPTANCE OR OTHERWISE OF APOLOGIES

None received.

87. 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.

88. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 9 APRIL 2018 – MINUTES

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

89. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The following applications were submitted for consideration:

(i) DM/18/00918/FPA – **86B Galgate** – New window to first floor north west elevation.

Resolved - That the town council supports the application.

(ii) DM/18/01038/FPA – **81 Galgate** – Change of use from mixed use to residential.

Resolved – That the town council supports the application.

(iii) DM/18/01040/LB – **81 Galgate** – Listed building application to remove and make good external signage.

Resolved – That the town council supports the application.

(iv) DM/18/01049/FPA – **Rear of 42 Horsemarket** – Demolition of existing structures and provision of 1 no. dwelling.

Comments and advice were relayed to Members from Northumbrian Water, Highways, Archaeology and Historic England.

Resolved – That the town council objects to the application on two grounds: impact and effect on surrounding listed builds and ancient scheduled monument (castle) and; loss of potential important archaeological features as detailed in the heritage statement.

90. APPLICATIONS FOR NOTING

(i) DM/18/00589/LB – **28 Market Place** – Listed building application for removal of signage and ATM and to make good.

Pursuant to Minute 80(ii)/Mar/18, it was reported that the application had been approved at the South West Planning Committee on 19 April 2018.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

91. SPEED LIMIT CONSULTATION – A67 BOWES ROAD

Pursuant to Minute 85/Apr/18, further information had been received from Durham County Council Traffic Asset Team on 12 April. It was clarified that the current 40mph speed limit was proposed to be amended slightly in order to extend the 30mph speed limit further west. It was further proposed to move the 40mph change to de-restriction further east. All the junctions currently coming onto the A67 within the 40mph speed limit would continue to do so. Localised carriageway widening would accommodate a central island, which would allow creation of a gateway feature.

Members were asked to reconsider their objections. The original objection remained unchanged.

Resolved – That the town council's objection be upheld. In particular, Members have concerns about the increase in volume of traffic generated from Startforth park housing development, the number of junctions coming onto the A67 and the impact on children walking to schools in Barnard Castle. As mitigation, the town council strongly advises the consideration of a 20mph speed limit in the built up area.