

BARTON - UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held in the
THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, QUEEN STREET, BARTON-UPON-HUMBER on
MONDAY 17 OCTOBER 2011, COMMENCING at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs W Witter (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs A Clark, Mr J Oxley, Ms C Sansam and P Shearer.

Also Present: Councillors P Adams, F Coulsey, Mrs J Oxley, J P Vickers and K Vickers and Ms S Richards (Town Clerk).

182. **Apologies for Absence**

None.

183. **Declarations of Interest**

Planning Application 2011/0734 – Councillor P Adams (Personal interest)

184. **Planning Matters**

(a) **Planning Applications**

Resolved that the comments as stated be made to North Lincolnshire Council on the following Planning Applications:

- (1) **2011/1175 Miss Beryl Brazier** – Notice of intention for crown reduction of cherry tree by 20% (9% reduction in branch length). Reduce height of cypress tree by 1.0 metre within a conservation area at The Studio, Castledyke South, Barton (No comment or objection).

(b) **Planning Decisions**

Resolved that the following Notice of Planning Decisions received from North Lincolnshire Council be noted:

2011/1027 Humberside Police – Full planning permission to change use of existing police buildings back to dwellings at 34-36 Meadow Drive, Barton; **2011/0964 V Greaves** – Refusal of planning permission to erect a conservatory at Highbury, Finkle Lane, Barton; **2011/0568 Mr K Whall – Moorby Developments** – Full planning permission to change the use of a public house to four flats and two houses (including alterations and extensions to existing building) and erect six town houses with associated parking (re-submission of PA/2010/1392) at The Blue Bell, 2 Whitecross Street, Barton; **2011/0569 Mr K Whall – Moorby Developments** – Listed building consent to carry out extensions and alterations to facilitate change of use to four flats and two dwellings (re-submission of PA/2010/1399) at The Blue Bell, 2 Whitecross Street, Barton; **2011/0768 – Mr K Whall – Moorby Developments** – Conservation area consent to demolish part of rear of building to facilitate conversion into four flats (re-submission of PA/2011/1431) at The Blue Bell, 2 Whitecross Street, Barton.

(b) **Planning Decision Complaint**

The Mayor and the Planning Committee Chairman had both received a letter of complaint from a local resident regarding planning application 2011/0836. This criticised the way the town council had handled the application, following the objection they had made at the Planning Committee meeting held on 3 August 2011, whereby they had attended and spoken.

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The town council currently hold two planning committee meetings a month. This usually ensures in most cases that the North Lincolnshire Council statutory consultation period of 21 days for planning applications was met. However, when planning applications received by the town council office fell outside this period, the town council office staff apply for an extension of time, by agreement with the relevant case officer. However, since recent re-organisation at North Lincolnshire Council, this had resulted in the town council having to submit objections/comments electronically. It would appear the system in operation now does not always appear robust in communicating planning application comments and objections submitted by the town council to North Lincolnshire Council after the consultation period had expired.

Discussion ensued regarding the town council's system in handling planning applications, the length of time between the planning committee meetings in relation to the 21 day consultation period, inconsistencies in advice given from North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department and the North Lincolnshire Council system for handling planning applications. It was acknowledged the town council can only act as adviser to North Lincolnshire Council, of comment/objection they may wish to raise. Planning application decision making was the remit of North Lincolnshire Council Planning Department, being the local planning authority. In light of comment made, it was agreed and

Resolved that:

- (i) The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Councillor Mrs W Witter respond in writing to the complaint made by the local resident;
- (ii) The Town Council to hold a Planning Committee Meeting every other Monday, in lieu of the current planning committee timetable, commencing on Monday 31 October 2011. To be a trial period and monitored for further review.

185. **Update of Planning Application 2011/0734 – RWE Npower Renewables Ltd** (Min Ref: 102(d)(ii)/39 – BTC 3/08/11)

It was reported that RWE Npower Renewables are withdrawing the appeal for planning application 2009/0657, in favour of supporting planning application 2011/0734.

Resolved that this be noted.

186. **Draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)** (Min Ref: 174(17(vi)/73-BTC 05/10/11)

It was discussed, agreed and

Resolved that Councillor's P Adams, F Coulosey, J P Vickers and Mrs Witter to discuss this document with the town clerk on Thursday 20 October at 4pm in the town council office. All comments to be passed onto North Lincolnshire Council by Wednesday 26 October 2011.

The Chairman, Councillor Mrs W Witter, closed the meeting at 7.28 p.m.