



Skipton Town Council

18/06

Planning Committee
Thursday 24 May 2018 6.30 pm

Present: Councillors Jaquin (Chairman), Bell, Bennett, C Clark, W Clark, Kerr and P Heseltine.

Officers: Wendy Allsopp (Administration and Member Services Manager).

1. To accept representations from the Public between 6.30 pm and 6.45 pm.

None

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Councillor Emmerson due to work commitments.

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests of items on the Agenda.

Councillor Jaquin declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to agenda item 9 as he represents the ward that planning application is sited in as a Craven District Ward Councillor.

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

None

5. To accept the minutes from the previous meeting held on 22 March 2018.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 22 March 2018 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

- 6. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Chief Officer.

Item 6 –The Committee confirmed that it does wish to refer the possibility of compiling a Neighbourhood Plan for Skipton to Full Council at its meeting scheduled in July.

Item 8 - Members were informed that the relevant parties have been informed about issues relating to the canal footpath off Hall Croft. The committee hope that this matter, which the Canal and River Trust are now dealing with, reaches a satisfactory conclusion.

- 7. To elect the Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Gordon Bell to act as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee for the 2018-2019 civic year.

- 8. To determine the methodology for how this Committee should deal with planning applications.

Members agreed to the following:

The Chairman, in collaboration with senior officers, will deliberate on the need for any additional meetings of the Committee deciding which applications are of a significant or contentious nature.

Officers will, on a weekly basis, issue Members with details of all applications received from the planning authority letting them know whether any of these applications will be discussed by at a Committee meeting and allowing Members to study them. Any Members can request that CDC ward representatives call applications in for discussion by the District Council's Planning Committee and all applications will be discussed be it at a Committee meeting or Working Group meeting.

Meetings should be promoted more actively to the public via the Town Council's website, notice boards and local media.

The Working Group will meet every 4 weeks on a Monday at 4.30 pm in the Town Council meeting room.

The Chairman will verbally present comments to the Planning Authority at the District Council's Planning meeting. Should the application be sited within the Chairman's Ward the Vice-Chairman will present as appropriate.

Cllr Jaquin left the meeting room.

Signed by Chairman

9. To comment on planning application number 2018/19146/FUL, development at Aldersley Avenue.

The Committee agreed to inform the Planning Authority that it reiterated previous comments made with regard to the original application at this site (planning application number 63/2016/17313) and make the following observations:

The proposed access route is unsuitable. Councillors remind the planning authority that road safety needs to be of paramount importance and improvements to sustainable transport provision will be needed.

Members believed that the Planning Committee's previous concerns had not addressed.

Cllr Jaquin re-entered the meeting room.

10. To discuss matters surrounding car parking at Sackville Street Post Office.

Those present **NOTED** that County Councillor Solloway has taken the matter of arranging time-restricted bays up with the local Highways office.

11. To discuss any planning breaches identified within the town and consider reporting them to the Planning Authority.

Members reported that a property on Parkwood Drive had started to be demolished despite withdrawal of an application on that site questioning whether planning permission was required.

It was **AGREED** that the Planning Committee should be pro-active in letting residents know they are concerned about any planning breaches within the town and will do the utmost to report such issues to the planning authority.

12. To receive notification of matters that members would like on a future agenda.

Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting Closed at 8.10 pm

Signed by Chairman