

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE THAT a meeting of the Hexham Town Council Planning & Infrastructure Committee will be held in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, West Road, Hexham on Monday 25 February 2019 at 5.30pm when the following items will be discussed:

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To receive minutes of the Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting held 12 February 2019, enclosed.
3. Matters arising.
4. Declarations of interest (see enclosed).
5. To comment on Planning Applications received (see enclosed).
6. To consider the protection of bees and other wildlife.
7. To consider bin provision on Corbridge Road.
8. To consider quotes received for the phone system, call charges and broadband (see enclosed).
9. To consider correspondence received (if any).
10. To agree a date and time for the next meeting.
11. Any urgent matters at the Chairman of the meeting's discretion. (*Matters to be raised under this item should be written out (if possible) and handed to the Chairman of the meeting or the Town Clerk before the meeting begins.*)



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HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2019

1045.	PRESENT: Councillor T G E Gillanders in the Chair and Councillors J Ord, Mrs D Bell and Mrs C Hanley.
1046.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors J V R Hare, R Hull and E Green.
1047.	MINUTES of the Committee meeting held 29 January 2019, having been circulated, were AGREED.
1048.	<p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) PROSPECT HOUSE (minute 1036c and action log refers). It was noted that Cockerton Green Developments Limited has advised its next board meeting is on 27 February, the Council's concerns will be raised and the Clerk will be kept updated. b) HYDROGEO LTD (minute 1040 and action log refers). It was noted that the company is progressing with the Tier 1 assessment for the Cemetery and will then advise if a Tier 2 is required. c) NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL PLAN (minute 1042 and action log refers). It was AGREED to defer consideration of this until Councillors had attended a presentation on the plan later that day. d) STUB IT PLATES (minute 1043 and action log refers). It was noted these have been received and one will be fitted if possible to the bin on Beaumont Street.
1049.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.
1050.	PLANNING APPLICATIONS: It was AGREED there was no objections to or comments on the applications received in accordance with the list circulated and attached to the agenda, except for 19/00277/FUL (land north east of Tesco) where it was AGREED not to object subject to Highways approval and to request the work complies with the Government's National Pollinator Strategy 2014-2024.
1051.	PROTECTION OF BEES: Jonathan Storey, Honorary Secretary of Hexham Beekeepers Association, advised the Committee of the Association's history and work. He recommended the RHS website for advice on insect friendly practices and suggested trialing a test area for wildflowers. He noted a variety of flowers is good for all bees, which forage up to three miles from their base. The Association also promotes organic pest control and, if bees are kept at the Cemetery, recommend keepers provide a copy of their insurance and demonstrate a commitment to regular checks particularly in the swarming season (May/June). It was AGREED to consider related Youtube links to be forwarded to the Committee and consider this further at the next meeting.

1052.	PROPOSED DIVERSION AT THE OLD SWIMMING BATHS: This was considered and it was AGREED not to object, subject to moving the pedestrian crossing to the end of the proposed footpath and the footpath being sympathetically lit.
1053.	LITTER BINS ON CORBRIDGE ROAD: A request from a local resident for more bins was considered and it was AGREED to defer this until a visit could be made to look at current provision.
1054.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED the next Committee meeting will be held on Monday 25 February 2019 at 5.30pm in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, Hexham.

Action Log

Consider the Northumberland Local Plan: Publication Draft Plan (minute 1048c)	All Committee Members
Fit a "Stub it" plate if possible to the Beaumont Street bin (minute 1048d)	Operations Manager
Put the protection of bees on the next agenda (minute 1051)	Clerk
Look at bin provision on Corbridge Road (minute 1053)	Clerk/Operations Manager/All

Chairman.....

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 3 September 2012 Councillors must declare if they have a disclosable interest in any matters under consideration.

To do so Councillors must use one of the following statements:-

1. “I have a disclosable pecuniary interest
in..... (for example:) Agenda item 3, Planning
application number 14/1234”.
(**NOTE:** Code of Conduct paragraphs 11&15 apply).

2. “I have a disclosable personal interest
in..... (for example:) Agenda item 4, Grant
aid application by Hexham Youth Initiative
(**NOTE:** Code of Conduct paragraph 13 applies).

Councillors should familiarise themselves with the Code of Conduct regarding the definitions of (A) pecuniary interest and (B) other personal interest and their obligations when declaring any such interests.

To ensure Councillors interests are correctly minuted please use one of the above statements when declaring an interest.

NB. Should a Councillor wish to take part in the consideration and voting on a matter or matters in which he/she has a disclosable interest then they may request a dispensation be granted to enable them to take part in the discussion and voting on it but at least 10 days’ notice must be given for any dispensation request.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
COUNCIL FOR COMMENT ON 25 FEBRUARY 2019

Reference	Description	Applicant
19/00371/FUL	Proposed construction of a timber double garage with a pitched slate roof to the rear, and installation of wrought iron railings and gate to the front, of 2 Temperley Place, Hexham This application follows 19/00111/LBC (installation of metal railings and gate) considered by the Committee on 12/2/19. There were no objections.	Mr Ben Clark
18/04510/FUL	Installation of fence on top of rear boundary wall to be painted black to match existing security fence at Hexham Police Station, Shaftoe Leazes, Hexham	Mr John Hall
19/00215/VARYCO	Variation of conditions (exterior outlets or air flues, cooking appliances, takeaway sales) pursuant to planning application T/20020086 in order to refurbish the kitchen, provide air extraction and allow coffee shop take away at Hexham Community Church	Hexham Community Church
19/00465/FUL	Replacement of front extensions, loft conversion with dormer, and new front door arrangement at Glenfield, Leazes Lane, Hexham	Mr & Mrs Bigg
19/00231/LBC	Removal of existing conservatory and erection of an orangery at Highford Farm, Highford Lane, Hexham	Mr & Mrs Hubbuck
19/00067/VARYCO	Variation of condition 8 (car parking) re permission 16/03281/FUL in order to allow parking and turning area layout to be amended at the communal areas of St Cuthbert's Close, Hexham	Mr Aidan Jackson

Applications to be commented upon under Committee's delegated powers (minute 6588 refers).

Any objections made on applications must be 'material planning considerations'. To be material, a matter must relate to the "purposes of planning". The views of local Councils and other consultees can only be taken into account by the planning authority if they are material. Such comments must always bear in mind that:

“The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development” (Paragraph 6 National Planning Policy Framework)

There is no definitive list but examples are:

- National planning policy
- The local planning authority's planning policies (including Neighbourhood Plans)
- Overlooking/loss of privacy
- Loss of light or overshadowing
- Parking, means of access, highway safety and traffic
- Noise, odours
- Effect on listed building and conservation area
- Layout and density of building
- Design, appearance and materials
- Nature conservation
- Flood risk
- Crime prevention and community safety
- Previous planning decisions
- Views of parish and town councils
- Views of statutory consultees: Highway Authority/Environment Agency/English Heritage/Sport England/Others (neighbouring LPA, HSE, etc.)

Non-material planning considerations include:

- Loss of view
- Negative effects on the value of other properties
- Land ownership or restrictive covenants
- Applicant's personal circumstances or past conduct (unless exceptional, such as relating to a physical disability in certain circumstances)
- Business competition
- Matters controlled under building regulations or other non-planning legislation
- Disabled person's access
- The nature of the applicant or owner
- Prospect of a "better" proposal

These are subject to change in national legislation or planning policy.

NB All planning applications (and related decisions) are online at:

<http://publicaccess.northumberland.gov.uk/online-applications>

If Hexham Town Council objects to an application listed above the objection is lodged online.

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PHONE SYSTEM AND BROADBAND

The Council currently pays £64.07 per month to Onecom Limited for the phone system and broadband. This includes £24.95 for unlimited rental, £14.99 for line rental, £3.00 for router rental, and £19.90 for calls.

In late 2018 Chaser Communications from Newcastle upon Tyne provided a proposal and quote for the same provision, but for £54.54 per month. This includes the installation of a new phone system with full maintenance. This quote was considered by the Committee on 12 October when it was agreed to source other quotes.

Two other quotes from companies based in Newcastle have since been received:

Hunter Telecom £102.30 per month

Document Solutions £59.00 per month

Chaser Communications has confirmed the quote given in October remains valid.

I recommend that the proposal and quote from Chaser Communications is accepted.

Jane Kevan
Town Clerk
February 2019