

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 Friday 13 December 2019 at 11.30am 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 9 December 2019, enclosed.
3. Matters arising.
4. Declarations of interest (see enclosed).
5. To comment on Planning Applications received (see enclosed).
6. To consider correspondence received (if any).
7. To agree a date and time for the next meeting.
8. 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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9 December 2019

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HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2019

1263.	PRESENT: Councillor T G E Gillanders in the Chair and Councillors R Hull, C Hanley and D Bell.
1264.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Hare and Ord.
1265.	MINUTES of the Committee meeting held 26 November 2019, having been circulated, were AGREED except to amend 1258 to “Councillor Ord has not to date received a response from the local Surfers against Sewage group to make a written request to attend a meeting if they wish to pursue this”.
1266.	<p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SEAT AT PROSPECT HOUSE (minute 1255a and action log refers). It was noted that an update has not to date been received from Lambert Smith Hampton following them contacting the Conservation Officer regarding Prospect House and the possibility of insetting the railings to allow access onto the land to install a seat on Hallstile Bank and allow public access through the disused gate. b) SEAT REQUEST FOR GALLOWS BANK (minute 1255c and action log refers). It was noted that a seat has been ordered. c) TOWN TWIN ROAD/ROUNABOUT NAMES (minute 1255h and action log refers). It was noted that this will not be referred to the Full Council to consider until there is a clearer proposal. d) CARBON FOOTPRINT (minute 1258 and action log refers). It was AGREED to defer consideration of the self-assessment sent with the agenda to the next meeting. e) CHAPEL HEATING (minute 1258 and action log refers). It was noted that Westalls will visit on 13 December. f) PROCUREMENT (minute 1258 and action log refers). It was noted that NALC would like to see a regional procurement group with the Town Council and NCC. g) NON-CHEMICAL WEEDKILLER DEMONSTRATION (minute 1258 and action log refers). It was noted that this has been offered for late January.
1267.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Councillor Gillanders declared a non-pecuniary interest in applications 19/04562/VARYCO and 19/04545/FUL and took no part in consideration of them.
1268.	SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN: County Council Officers Peter Jeffreys and Martin Podevyn provided information on waste collection; recycling; current contracts; a current review of systems; a local walking and cycling infrastructure strategy and the desire to prioritise a network rather than something piecemeal. Mr Jeffreys will in due course advise on glass collections from businesses in Hexham and arrange a Councillor visit to the facility at West Sleekburn. The officers will also provide contact details relating to the renewable energy team in the procurement section and for the

	officer working on nature and biodiversity.
1269.	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 in respect of 19/04545/FUL (1-7 Priestpopple) where the Council does not object but regrets there is no provision for affordable housing in line with the emerging Hexham Neighbourhood Plan and that the opportunity is not being taken to significantly improve the energy efficiency of the building.
1270.	PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 52 DIVERSION ORDER 2019: The Order made on 2 December relating to work at the former swimming pool was noted.
1271.	BLUE SKY RESORTS LTD: The appeals to the Secretary of State regarding the variation of the condition to allow a 12 month habitation period were noted.
1272.	LOCAL AREA COUNCIL: It was noted that Councillor Gillanders will speak at the meeting on 10 December to consider applications relating to the Old Workhouse and Car Park east of Fairnington Centre, both on Corbridge Road.
1273.	QEHS APPLICATION: It was noted that amended or updated plans and documents have been received and any further comments are requested by 18 December.
1274.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED that the next Committee meeting will be held on Friday 13 December at 11.30am in the Council Office, St Andrew's Cemetery, Hexham.

Action Log

Update the Committee once the Conservation Officer has considered the inset of railings at Prospect House so a seat may be installed on Hallstile Bank (minute 1266a)	Clerk
Consider the Frome TC carbon footprint self-assessment (minute 1266d)	All
Arrange a non-chemical weed killer demo for late January (minute 1266g)	Clerk
Contact the NCC procurement team (minute 1268 refers)	Clerk

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.

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL
Planning & Infrastructure Committee

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
COUNCIL FOR COMMENT ON 13 DECEMBER 2019

Reference		Applicant
19/03998/CCD	Amended/updated plans and documents relating to QEHS, Whetstone Bridge Road, Hexham	NCC

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.