

HEXHAM TOWN COUNCIL

I GIVE NOTICE THAT a meeting of the Hexham Town Council Planning & Infrastructure Committee will be held on Tuesday 14 April 2020 at 11.00am 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 26 March 2020, enclosed.
3. Matters arising.
4. Declarations of interest (see enclosed).
5. To comment on Planning Applications received (see enclosed).
6. To consider the Local Electricity Bill (information emailed to all Committee members on 23 March)
7. To consider correspondence received (if any).
8. To agree a date and time for the next meeting.
9. 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 26 MARCH 2020

1344.	<p>PRESENT: Councillor R Hull in the chair and Councillors S Ball, J Ord and C Hanley.</p> <p>NB No Councillor attended in person but all by video conferencing so on 26 March the meeting had no legal standing. However, it was noted the Coronavirus Bill has received Royal Assent and includes a provision to allow the Secretary of State to issue regulations effectively allowing local authorities to hold virtual meetings and doing away, for at least a temporary period, for the need for members to be physically present.</p>
1345.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillor Gillanders, Hare and Bell.</p>
1346.	<p>MINUTES of the Committee meeting held 11 March 2020, having been circulated, were AGREED.</p>
1347.	<p>MATTERS ARISING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) ELECTRICAL SUPPLY AND VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS (minute 1333c and action log refers). It was noted that further quotes have not yet been pursued. b) MACHINERY (minute 1336 and action log refers). It was noted this had been ordered, except for a new tractor. c) BINS (minutes 1338 and 1340 and action log refers). It was noted these had been replaced/moved. d) PENNINE JOURNEY SUPPORTERS CLUB (minute 1341 and action log refers). It was noted a response had not to date been sent. e) DOG FOULING (minute 1342 and action log refers). It was noted this information has been added to the Town Council website.
1348.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were no declarations of interest.</p>
1349.	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS: It was AGREED there was no objection to, or comment on, the applications received in accordance with the list circulated and attached to the agenda.</p>
1350.	<p>PLANNING AUTHORITY CORRESPONDENCE: Information in response to the Coronavirus was NOTED.</p>
1351.	<p>TYNE GREEN LEVEL CROSSINGS: Information from the County Council on a Notice of Intention to the Magistrates' Court to apply to stop up the highway at the Tyne Green, Bells and Spital Level Crossings was NOTED.</p>
1352.	<p>PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY MODIFICATION: An order relating to a footpath</p>

	by Loughbrow Lodge was NOTED.
1353.	NEXT MEETING: It was AGREED that the next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 April at 9.30am.

Action Log

Pursue more quotes re heating the Chapel and electrical supply and vehicle charging points (minute 1347a)	Clerk
Further research tractor options (minute 1347b)	Clerk/ Operations Manager
Respond to the Pennine Journey Supporters Club (minute 1347d)	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.

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Planning & Infrastructure Committee

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY
COUNCIL FOR COMMENT ON 14 APRIL 2020

Reference		Applicant
20/00723/FUL	Dormer roof extension to rear of dwelling for attic conversion at Briarbank, 4 Windmill Hill, Hexham	Mr James O'Brien
20/00932/LBC	Installation of steelwork to support timber roof truss/roof structure at Hadrian House, 21 Market Street, Hexham	Mr Tahir

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.