

## NORTHWAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held by Zoom on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Following the passing of the Coronavirus Act 2020 (c.7), Councils are unable to meet in person during the COVID emergency. This meeting was therefore held via a Zoom link, with Councillors connecting remotely. The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Cllr Mrs P Godwin (Chairman) Cllr M Barnes  
Cllr E Phennah Cllr J Roberts  
Mrs S Terry Cllr S Ward

In Attendance: Mr T Treacy, Admin Assistant (Temp)  
Cllr E MacTiernan (From Min ref \*P/50/20)  
Mrs C Woodward, Clerk of the Council

Before the meeting started Cllr Godwin reminded Members that if at any point the Council went into exclusion of the press and public that they should be aware of their surroundings and ensure they maintained the confidentiality of the discussion.

### P/46/20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mackenzie. No further apologies were tendered.

### P/47/20 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest, as required by the Code of Conduct adopted by the Parish Council on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (Min Ref C/159/12), including paragraph 12(2), were made.

### P/48/20 Minutes of the Previous Minutes

Cllr Terry PROPOSED that the Minutes from the Planning Committee Meeting that took place on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 should be approved as a true and accurate record. Cllr Ward SECONDED.

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### P/49/20 Matters arising from Previous Minutes

**P/42/20 Industrial Planning Applications** - Section 106/Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in relation to application 20/00645/FUL- Moog. The Clerk forwarded suggestions made by Members in regard to possible Section 106/CIL monies to the Planning Officer responsible for the application. The Clerk had also been recommended to forward the information to Gloucestershire County Council via County Councillor Vernon Smith, which had also been done and an acknowledgement received.

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P/50/20 **Planning Applications**

i. **Domestic Planning Applications**

**New Planning Applications**

20/000830/FUL - 16 Howard Close, Northway

**Erection of a single storey rear extension**

This application was presented via zoom for Members to peruse.

\*7.05 p.m. Cllr MacTiernan joined the meeting.

The letters to residents had only recently been sent so there had not been adequate time for receipt of any objections. Cllr Ward PROPOSED no objections to the application provided the materials used were in keeping with existing and a suitable method was found to dispose of surface water run-off. Cllr Terry SECONDED.

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**Amended Planning Applications** *(Original details are in Italics)*

None received.

**Decision Notices**

None received

ii. **Industrial Planning Applications**

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None received

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P/51/20 **Correspondence for Action**

- i. **Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government** - A Government White Paper had been released with three sections to it 'Planning for the Future, 'Transparency and Competition' and 'Changes to Current Planning System'. This was deferred from the August meeting to allow Members a longer period of time to familiarise themselves with the changes.

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P/51/20 **Correspondence for Action** (Continued)

Members considered the best way to deal with the complex nature of the various documents and it was felt that without further guidance it would be best if Councillors responded to the consultation on an individual basis, if they wished. Cllr MacTiernan was invited to address the meeting and asked whether the Borough Council would be going through the papers, she confirmed that a seminar was taking place shortly. She was further asked whether she would be happy to take back any queries raised by Councillors and she confirmed that either herself or Cllr Godwin would be able to do so. Cllr Ward, therefore, PROPOSED that the consultation was not answered as a Council but dealt with individually and if any Members had concerns to address them to the Borough Councillors to take back to their meeting. Cllr Phennah SECONDED.

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- iii. **Mitton Bank Development** - It was agreed to put the Mitton Bank Development back on the Agenda in September in case any further information had been received relating to roads. The Clerk advised that she had no further information at that time.

P/52/20 **Correspondence received after 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

- a) **Highways England** - Details of resurfacing works to the M5 between junction 8 and 9.
- b) **Hirer** - The Clerk expressed some concern regarding a hirer at the hub in light of Covid-19 risk assessments and some monitoring of CCTV that had taken place. Cllr Terry PROPOSED that the Council should temporarily exclude the public and press. Cllr Godwin SECONDED.

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Exclusion Item - Councillors Only.

Under exclusion Cllr Ward PROPOSED that a verbal warning was given to a hirer who appeared to be in breach of the Covid-19 risk assessment, this should be backed up with an email. If things did not improve, they would be unable to continue hiring during the current pandemic. Cllr Terry SECONDED.

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Cllr Ward further PROPOSED that other hirers were written to and reminded that a failure to follow the Covid-19 rules would mean their hire would be withdrawn.

As there was no other business the meeting concluded at 7:31 p.m.