

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 11th AUGUST 2020 AT 6.30PM
USING ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING**

PRESENT:

Cllr N Brown (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs C Reavey
Cllr Mrs P H Whiting
Cllr B Spencer
Cllr H L Jackson (substitute for Cllr D Hamblin)
Cllr B Prigmore (substitute for Cllr A Gardner)
Cllr C O'Rourke (from item 5.1 (ii))
Mrs S J Mitcham (Town Clerk)
Ms A J Schofield (Assistant Town Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public

1. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr D Hamblin and Cllr Mrs A Gardner.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Other Interests

Cllr H L Jackson requested that an entry be made in the minutes to make it clear that as a member of both the Town and District Council he will reconsider all matters at District level taking into account all relevant evidence and representations at the District tier. Therefore, he cannot be bound in any way by any view expressed in the parish tier or by decisions of this Committee.

Cllr B Prigmore – item 5.1 (ii), personal interest

Cllr Mrs P H Whiting – item 5.1 (i), resident of Blake Walk.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July 2020 be signed by the Chairman as being a true and correct record.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

5. **PLANNING**

5.1. To consider response to the following planning applications:-

(i) **20/00817/FUL: Two-storey rear extension (Re-submission of 20/00625/FUL) 3 Blake Walk, Higham Ferrers.**

RESOLVED:

That Council object to the use of timber cladding. It is not a uniform building material used in Blake Walk and this area of the town. It is considered out of keeping with the local character of the area and therefore does not accord with Policy HF.DE1 of the Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan.

(ii) **20/00833/FUL: Change of use of former Higham Ferrers Library building to offices (B1 Use) with retention of part of building for community use (D1 Use), 1A Midland Road Higham Ferrers.**

Having declared an interest Cllr B Prigmore withdrew to the zoom waiting room for the discussion and vote.

RESOLVED:

That no comments or objections be made.

- 5.2. To note determinations on planning applications.

RESOLVED:

That the following determinations on planning applications be noted:-

Planning Permission

20/00542/FUL – First floor extension over existing garage at 33 Ullswater Close, Higham Ferrers

6. **A6 STATION ROAD BRIDGE**

RESOLVED:

That a meeting be held with Irthlingborough Town Council to discuss more permanent options for the future of the A6 Station Road Bridge to include the retention of the concrete bollards. The bridge did need to be protected.

7. **ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME, WOOD STREET**

RESOLVED:

That Council do not support the proposal from Northamptonshire Highways to make Wood Street one way on a temporary basis in the eastbound direction.

8. **20MPH SPEED LIMIT REQUEST CHICHELE STREET**

Sandra Coleman, as a member of the public joining the meeting late, was permitted to address the Committee. Mrs Coleman advised she was a resident of Chichele Street and is of the opinion that people drive too fast along it. She said people feel that, because it is a 30mph road, that they have to get to this speed before they get to the end of it, which is totally unnecessary and is dangerous. Chichele Street, along with Grove Street, Lancaster Street and York Road are roads where not everyone has driveways and there are a lot of cars parked on the road which restricts the view, making the speed even more dangerous.

RESOLVED:

That approach be made to the appropriate bodies to explore the options and costs for a 20mph zone in certain areas of the town.

9. **ITEMS TO REPORT**

None.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

15th September 2020.

Chairman

Date