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PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD IN THE MOOT HALL MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2022 at 7.18pm

Present:

Cllr Stephenson (Chair) Cllr Hayes (Mayor ex Officio)
Cllr Chalmers Cllr Kemp
Cllr P Davidson

Also in attendance:

Cllr Anderton
Cllr Curley
Cllr Heap
Town Clerk
Clerk's Assistant

P1/12/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Connell and Cllr Pape.

P2/12/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to be made.

P3/12/22 Actions from Previous Minutes

- **Warm Spots:** The grant application for £1,000 to Cumbria Community Foundation for setting up a Warm Spot in the Supper Room has been successful. Appleby Community Enterprises have also said they would be happy to help with any shortfall. The first one will be on Thursday, 5th January from 10am to 1pm and then every Thursday for 12 weeks, until the end of March. Alison Taylor will manage these events and has lots of ideas for different activities. Hot drinks will be provided, and homemade soup from Low Howgill will be served for lunch.
- **Co-op Parking:** A letter to the Co-operative has been sent regarding the issues around signage at the car park exit. The Police have confirmed that they can only issue requests for drivers to move their vehicles when parked on yellow lines, and not parking fines.

P4/12/22 Planning Applications

The following applications were brought to the committee for their consideration. There were no objections raised.

ACTION

[22/0863](#)

62 Boroughate, CA16 6XG

Proposed two storey extension to the gable end elevation. Revised scheme of [12/0901](#).

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Murphy

No objections

[22/0864](#)

62 Boroughate, CA16 6XG

Listed Building Consent for proposed two storey extension to the gable end elevation

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D Murphy

No objections

[22/0848](#)

Land off Station Road

Proposed vehicular accesses off Station Road for planning applications:

20/0312 – Outline planning permission for up to 100 dwellings. Granted 11 March 2021

21/1029 – Application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, attached to 20/0312

Applicant: Barratt Homes

The consultation period for this application began on 15 Nov and ended on 9 Dec, so missed being brought to the Planning Committee for consideration.

It was noted by Cllr Stephenson that Appleby Town Council had submitted comments expressing concerns around specific highway issues when the original planning applications (20/0312 & 21/1029) were submitted. These concerns were in relation to the width of the access road, footpaths, speed limits and street lighting. It was agreed that although the consultation period had ended, these concerns should be reiterated to both Cumbria County Council and EDC's Planning Department.

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P5/12/22 Plannings Decisions

The following decisions were noted by the committee.

<p>22/0437 Full Permission Granted Building Plot, Doomgate, CA16 6RB Discharge of conditions 3 (archaeology) and 4 (surface water discharge), attached to approval 19/0354. <i>Applicant: Mr Ian Saint – SIBA Ltd</i></p>	<p>22/0473 Full Permission Granted Up Top, Roman Road, CA16 6JH Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling in place with garage and detached shed <i>Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lees</i></p>
<p>22/0756 Non-Material Amend Approval 13 Doomgate, CA16 6RB Non-Material Amendment to replace red sandstone to buff coloured sandstone, attached to approval 22/0126 <i>Applicant: Mr R Thompson</i></p>	<p>22/0757 Full Approval 13 Doomgate, CA16 6RB Variation of condition 2 (plans compliance) to replace red sandstone with buff coloured sandstone, attached to Listed Building Consent 22/0167. <i>Applicant: Mr R Thompson</i></p>
<p>22/0758 Reserved by Cond Approved 13 Doomgate, CA16 6RB Discharge of condition 3 (materials), attached to approval 22/0126 <i>Applicant: Mr R Thompson</i></p>	<p>22/0759 Reserved by Cond Approval 13 Doomgate, CA16 6RB Discharge of condition 3 (materials), attached to Listed Building Consent 22/0167. <i>Applicant: Mr R Thompson</i></p>

P6/12/22 Chairman's Report

- **Shaw's Wiend:** The damaged wall has been reported to Cumbria County Council, who have confirmed that the repair work will be included in next year's work schedule.
- **CALC Training:** The Chairman reminded Councillors of the opportunities available to undertake training courses run by CALC. Cllr Heap reported she had recently attended two workshops – An Effective Councillor course and a Finance one and had found both very informative. She highlighted it wasn't just new councillors who had attended, and some councillors on the course had been on their Council for many years. The presentations had been interesting and were followed up with detailed notes.
- **Appointment of Vice-Chairman:** Cllr Curley had agreed to be Vice-Chair of the Planning and General Purposes Committee. It was noted the committee is now one member over the 7 members limited stated in the Council's Standing Orders. However, this will be a temporary arrangement until the Committee re-shuffle at the next Annual Meeting.
- Cllr Stephenson took the opportunity to thank the Committee and the Council for their hard work over the last year, and wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

P7/12/22 Update from Environment Agency on Doomgate Culvert

- The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency had come back to the Cricket Club with solutions to most of the issues raised by them. However, despite looking into other solutions, it will not be possible to make any amendment to the proposed ground material to be used across the temporary site compound. In addition, the Cherry Tree in the middle of the proposed compound will need to be removed, however 5 new cherry trees will be replanted. The small new tree recently planted for the Brownie's anniversary will also need to be removed and replanted in a different location.
- The Clerk also reported that two additional EA projects, will be starting at the beginning of 2023:
 Drainage project: These works are to provide additional flood protection to the properties at the Leisure Centre end of Chapel Street. This involves the installation of a high-capacity ACO channel into the existing drainage system. It is hoped the project will begin mid-January and works will take up to 4-55 weeks.
 Ventilation project: These works are to combat a build-up of natural gas within the pumping station situated under the Leisure Centre car park. Timescales for this project will be dependent on planning and provided there are no issues with the planning application, this work will take place upon completion of the drainage project and will take up to 2 weeks. It will involve the loss of up to 6 car parking spaces in the Leisure Centre car park for that period.

P8/12/22 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- The Clerk has written to The Oaklea Trust for an update regarding demolition of the building and also their proposed use of Dowpitts Wood. It is believed demolition of the building had been put on hold whilst the planning application for the new building was pending.
- Cllr Chalmers has been asked by a number of people, when the Ukraine Tree Art would be removed, as it is looking a bit of an eyesore. It was agreed The Clerk would contact the Art Group to request its removal.
- The Clerk reported discussions with Colin Smith regarding installation of a 100 years commemorative bench outside the British Legion Club. Eden District Council have agreed to the installation of the bench, despite previous refusals, on the condition that Appleby Council sign an agreement to cover the costs of installing and maintaining the bench. An agreement will need to be drawn up with the RBL, outlining that they will be responsible for all associated costs and ongoing maintenance. Cllr Chalmers commented that this should be carefully handled, as the Council didn't want to be end up being responsible for the bench a few years down the line.

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P9/12/22 Date of the Next Meeting

Councillors noted that the next meeting of the Planning and General Purposes Committee will be held in the Moot Hall on **Monday 16th January 2023 at 6.45pm.**

All

There being no further business the meeting closed at **8.04pm.**

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON: **WEDNESDAY 21st December 2022**

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE WAS AUTHORISED BY THE COMMITTEE TO SIGN THESE MINUTES TO CONFIRM THEIR BEING A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD:
