

# APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND TOWN COUNCIL

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## PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 AT 6:45 pm

### Present

Cllr Stephenson (Chairman)  
Cllr Connell (arrived)  
Cllr Hayes (Mayor ex Officio)  
Cllr Hutchinson  
Cllr Chalmers (Deputy Mayor ex Officio)  
Cllr Pape  
Cllr K Wignall  
Cllr Davidson

### Also, In attendance

Cllr Rooke  
Cllr Curley  
Cllr H Potts  
Cllr F Potts  
Cllr Anderton  
Iwan Lawton – Environment Agency  
Laura Allen – AERG  
Susan Fryer – HAZ  
Ian Holloway - MOP

**P1/03/21 Apologies for Absence –** Cllr T Wignall and Cllr M Dougherty due to work commitments

### **P2/03/21 Declarations of interest**

Cllr Connell declared a personal interest in relation to any item on the agenda that relates to Cumbria County Council and Eden District Council. Cllr Stephenson declared a personal interest in items P3 and P5.

### **P3/03/21 Doomgate Culvert – Environment Agency**

The Chairman welcomed Iwan Lawton who gave the committee an update on the Doomgate Project with specific reference to project costs, timelines, and risks. A review of the costings has taken place resulting in savings that benefit the IBCR (incremental benefit cost ratio) figure to ensure best value for taxpayers' money and meeting project targets. The changes include a change in the pumping design, roof design change and removal of a stairway. The proposes ground floor storage area for AERG remains. Mr. Lawton was optimistic of drawing down additional funding that has been identified. The risk chart reflects these changes with the main risks identified as: failure to get grant money, failure to achieve ICBR and delivery risks. This delay has meant a shift in the timeline for delivery with a start date of January 2032 and completion date October 2032. Mr Lawton informed the Committee that EA and Oaklea Trust were in talks re co-ordination timelines for both the Culvert project and the Edenside project. The Council to consider this at April's meeting. Mr Lawton asked the Committee to consider what would be in the best interest of the town, to have both projects working simultaneously or staggered. Cllr Hutchinson asked if the removal of one chamber a detrimental effect on the efficacy of the pumps would have, Mr Lawton responded no. Cllr Chalmer asked the cost of project; Mr Lawton could not give full project costs. The Chairman thank Mr Lawton for attending. Iwan Lawton and Laura Allen left the meeting.

### **P4/03/21 Action from Previous Minutes –**

There were no actions from the previous meeting.

### **P5/03/21 Public participation**

The Chairman noted that a member of the public was in attendance to raise objection to planning **21/0125**

**P6/03/21 Planning Applications**

The Chairman invited Mr I Holloway to speak for 3 minutes regarding planning application 21/0125. Mr Holloway is objecting to the erection of a house which will overlook his property citing the following Principles: Overlooking; Overshadowing; Overbearing and Out of Character. **Principle** "I feel that the nature of the current proposal is inappropriate as it will be changing an ancient, wooded area which should be protected. It is at least a transit route for red squirrels and greater spotted woodpeckers which are regularly seen in my garden." Mr Holloway left the meeting.

The following applications were discussed, and the Committee have made the following comments:

<p><a href="#">21/0125</a>  <b>Full Application</b>                  BANKS WOOD SOUTH WESTERN END OF BANKS LANE APPLEBY                  Erection of dwelling                  Mr B Randall</p>	<p><a href="#">21/0104</a>  <b>Full Application</b>                  APPLEBY CASTLE BOROUGHGATE APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND CA16 6XH                  Replacement of playground equipment                  Mrs S Nightingale</p>
<p><b>RESPONSE: OBJECTION</b>                  The Committee object to the above planning on the following <b>Principles</b>:  <b>Access:</b>                  Existing access is <b>restrictive</b> and problematic for pedestrians and existing traffic. Banks Lane is a well-established walking route for residents to access town. The design is <b>overbearing</b> on existing properties. The design is <b>overlooking</b> neighbouring property.  <b>Land Stability:</b> Concern over the stability of the plot as a site for a residential property and the Committee have concern of slippage into neighbouring property.</p>	<p><b>RESPONSE:</b> Fully support the application for replacement playground at the Castle</p>
<p><a href="#">21/0108</a>                  DOWPITTS WOOD APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND                  Removing overhanging branches of Ash tree (Consultation period ended 5<sup>th</sup> March)</p>	<p><a href="#">21/0130</a>  <b>Full Application</b>                  1 FRIARY FIELDS APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND CA16 6UT                  Non-material amendment to replace tiled roof with flat roof, attached to approval <a href="#">20/0797</a>                  Mr and Mrs M Hutt</p>
<p><b>RESPONSE:</b> None</p>	<p><b>RESPONSE:</b> No Objection</p>

**P7/03/21 Planning Decisions**

Planning decisions were noted.

<p><a href="#">20/0953</a>                  Full application                  55 BOROUGHGATE APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND CA16 6XG                  Demolish and replace existing garage.  <b>Full Approval</b></p>	
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**P8/03/21 Chairman's Report**

- The Chairman attended a Planning training course via Microsoft Teams.
- Lakeland coffee is now run by Anna Salmon who will continue to provide a coffee service at Jubilee.
- The new Co-op has opened, and the Chairman welcome the new facility but was disappointed to see that there is no ramp and not as many car spaces as previously indicated.
- Plans for A66 dualling project has begun with surveys currently being undertaken.

**P9/03/21 Health and Safety Risk Assessment 2021-2022**

It was RESOLVED to accept and adopt the Health and Safety Risk Assessment for 2021-2022

**P10/03/21 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

- Doomgate Project – review schedule of works for Doomgate and Edenside and alternative car parking during project time.
- Review safety of Co-op car park regarding pedestrian safety

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.48.**

**P11/03/21 Date of the Next Meeting**

Councillors noted that the next meeting of the Planning and General-Purpose Committee would be held VIA ZOOM on **Monday 12 April at 7.15pm** or upon the rising of the Finance Committee.

AT THE COUNCIL MEETING ON: **WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WAS AUTHORISED BY  
THE COMMITTEE TO SIGN THESE MINUTES TO CONFIRM  
THEIR BEING A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD:

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