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Planning and General-Purposes Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 11th March 2024 at 6.45pm

Present:

Cllr Curley (Chair)
Cllr Connell (Vice Chair)
Cllr Davidson
Cllr Railton

Also in attendance:

Cllr Anderton
Cllr Heap
Cllr Hilsden
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant
Cllr Kemp
Cllr Railton
Cllr Rooke

P1/03/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Pape.

P2/03/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to report.

P3/03/24 Actions from the Previous Minutes

• Doomgate FRMS

The EA have informed us that they are still unable to confirm any start date for the main programme of work, as the application to discharge the conditions under the Edenside planning application is still not approved, and the application for change of use for Edenside as a temporary car park, will not be approved until all the conditions have been discharged. The FloodHub webpages have been updated to show the new start dates of March 2024 for the utility works, but the full scheme of works will not be updated until such time as a start date can be confirmed.

• Black & White Bollards

The Clerk reported that all the bollards in town have now been individually counted and assessed for their condition. There are a total of 400 black and white bollards (397 wooden and 3 cement). The Clerk is currently in the process of obtaining quotes for the supply of replacement bollards. As they are the property of Westmorland & Furness Council, discussions will need to take place with their Estates Manager regarding an action plan.

Cllr Connell asked whether we would be consulting local residents regarding the bollards. Cllr Curley thought that we needed to have an action plan in place first before doing any public consultation.

• Heritage Centre

Cllr Connell informed the Committee that although there was nothing of consequence to report, he understood that there have been some discussions around a potential new tenant moving in, but nothing firm to report as yet.

• Yew Tree at Mill Hill

The tree has been removed and the wood has been taken away. The tree trunk will take years to decay, so the wall stability should remain consistent. The arboriculturist suggested waiting a few

weeks for the ground to settle before carrying out an assessment of the wall. Cllr Curley commented that they have done an excellent and very tidy job.

- **Shop Front and Advertising Guidelines for Appleby**

The guide had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Clerk has taken the information from EDC guidelines, which are in the process of being updated by W&F Council. The Clerk confirmed that we have no powers to enforce these guidelines and it is up to individual shop owners whether they choose to comply with them. Cllr Railton suggested dropping the guidelines through empty shops and making them available to new tenants/owners will help to make them aware of any planning considerations before they start making changes to shopfronts. The Clerk also suggested that new businesses usually visit the TIC to introduce themselves before taking up occupancy, so the guidelines can be made available through them.

- **Working Group for Dog Related Issues**

The report from Cllr Heap was received and noted. The date for the public meeting has been agreed as Thursday 18th April 2024, at 6.30pm in the Supper Room. The aim of the meeting is to consider ideas from the public as to what can be done, but also to highlight the dangers of dog fouling and other issues. Cllr Heap has not been able to obtain any information about the number of dog attacks and it was suggested that contact be made with the PCSO and the dog enforcement officer at W&F. Cllr Curley mentioned that people who allow their dogs to misbehave and foul are unlikely to change their behaviours, so he suggested publicising more about the size of the fines might be a deterrent.

Cllr Davidson mentioned the group had discussed the idea of setting up a dog fouling Facebook group, which is used successfully in other communities. Cllr Heap highlighted that the group want the public to lead on the initiatives. Cllr Railton highlighted that although it is important that we have clear guidelines on acceptable behaviour, we want to ensure the town stays dog welcoming, as well.

Action: Town Clerk will contact PCSO and W&F dog enforcement team to ask about reports of dog attack.

P4/03/24 Planning Applications

Under Westmorland & Furness Council's consultation process, to consider the following Planning Applications, plus any late arrivals, to prepare, under delegated authority, a response from Council:

<p>2024/0189/TCA (Tree in Conservation Area)</p> <p>Douglas House, Bongate, CA16 6HW Fell 4no trees subject to TPO compromising: T1-Ash, T2-Silver Birch, T3-Larch, T4-Sobus due to poor quality, low visual amenity trees. <i>Applicant: Nicol Landscapes Ltd</i></p> <p>No comments or objections</p>	<p>2024/0055/FPA (Late notice application)</p> <p>5 Rookery Lane, Bongate Cross, CA16 6FL Proposed single storey rear extension. <i>Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Sowerby</i></p> <p>No comments or objections</p>
<p>2024/0330/FPA (Late notice application)</p> <p>Barrow Coombe, CA16 6AA Variation of condition 2 (plans compliance) to amend the size, design and orientation of the garage, attached to approval 23/0503. <i>Applicant: Mr K Inniff</i></p> <p>No comments or objections</p>	<p>2024/0280/LBC (Late notice application)</p> <p>2 Doomgate, CA16 6RB Listed Building Consent for alterations to include subdivision of bathroom on first floor to create separate bathroom and en suite, creation of bathroom on second floor, installation of secondary glazing to all windows and installation of new boiler and wall mounted flue outlet. <i>Applicant: Mr M Snowden</i></p> <p>No comments or objections</p>

[2024/0169/FPA](#)

Co-operative, The Sands, CA16 6XN

Variation of condition 2 (plans compliance) to reverse the flow of traffic entering and exiting the car park, attached to approval 18/0202.

Applicant: Mr Roy Ashley

It was noted that this application has caused some confusion. This is a retrospective Variation of Condition application, which relates to a change in the direction of the traffic flow to access the car park. The plans submitted with the original Planning Application No. 15/0853 were passed with the traffic flow going in the opposite direction to what was installed.

Cllr Curley commented that the safety of the current exit is still an issue and although it is on Highways agenda, these concerns need to be highlighted to Planning in the Council's reply.

It was agreed to submit no objections in principle, but highlight that Appleby Town Council still have concerns about the safety issues for vehicles and pedestrians exiting the Co-op car park.

Planning App. 19/0546: The Armoury, Holme Street, Appleby CA16 6QU

Cllr Mycock had reported a breach of condition 1 attached to the approval of Planning App. 19/0546 with regard to the planting of a replacement tree. This was reported to Planning and an enforcement case has been opened.

P5/03/24 Planning Decisions

Under Westmorland and Furness Council's consultation process, to note the following Planning Decisions:

[2024/0017/FPA](#) - Approved with Conditions

5 Friary Park, CA16 6XD
Proposed access improvements to dwelling for disabled persons

[2024/0193/TCA](#) TREE CA No Objection

The Armoury, Holme Street, CA16 6QU
Various works to trees in conservation area
Applicant: Mr S Lyon

P6/03/24 Chairman's Report

There was no report in respect of this meeting.

P7/03/24 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

There were no reports or items for future agendas.

P8/03/24 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Planning and General Purposes Committee will be on **Monday 8th April 2024** at **6.45pm** in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 20th March 2024**, the Chairman of this meeting was authorised by the Council to sign these minutes, to confirm they are a true and accurate record: