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PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 16th October 2023 at 7:30pm at the Council Chambers, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton.

Members Present: Cllrs Shaun Hughes (Chair), Gordon Mackay, Deborah Thatcher, Martin Thatcher, Mike Moxham and Tim Wells

Also Present: Town Clerk Katie Mason and Deputy Town Clerk Kate Egan

Public Question Time – Informal session

There were eight members of the public in attendance. They were invited to speak at each relevant planning application.

26. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence although Cllr Alun Pughe had resigned as a member of the Planning Committee.

27. Declarations of Interest

(a) **Members to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the member's register of interests, or he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it.**

(b) **To Receive written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interest**

(c) **To grant any request for dispensation as appropriate**

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation as appropriate.

28. To confirm the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 18th September 2023, previously circulated.

It was **RESOLVED** the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 18th September be accepted as a true record, they were signed and dated by the Chair.

29. Update on the Neighbourhood Plan for Midsomer Norton

A verbal update was given, more consultation and research is required.

30. Update on the Mining Figures / Silhouettes to be installed within Midsomer Norton

It was **RESOLVED** the Mining Figures / Silhouettes could be installed within Midsomer Norton after consultation with the insurance company.

31. Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting they may be considered

(a) **23/03353/FUL** Proposed New Dwelling House. 4 Dymboro Gardens, Midsomer Norton

Recommendation The Planning Committee left the decision to the Planning Officer.

(b) **23/03734/CLEU** Use of land to the side of 5 Somer Ridge as residential garden. 5 Somer Ridge, Midsomer Norton. **Recommendation** The Planning Committee had no comment.

(c) **23/03649/TPO** T1 – Blue Atlas Cedar, reduce the overall canopy by 3m and remove 1 limb protruding over driveway which shows signs of disease. T5 – Sycamore, raise the canopy 4m to allow hedge cutting and replanting to thicken hedge. Highfields, Silver Street, Midsomer Norton. **Recommendation** The Planning Committee had no comment

- (d) **23/03643/TCA** T1 – Silver Birch, reduce canopy by 2 meters to stop interference with solar panels. Midsomer Norton Sports Centre, Gullock Tynning, Midsomer Norton.
Recommendation The Planning Committee had no comment

Cllr Tim Wells left the meeting at 7.57pm

- (e) **23/00076/LDO** Development of employment led enterprise zone with related highways works including a new roundabout on the A362 and associated development. Parcel 0006, Old Mills, Paulton, Bristol. To be noted this is within the Parish of Paulton.
Recommendation The Planning Committee recommended refusal.

Cllr Shaun Hughes declared an interest for the following three applications due to sitting on the Planning Board as a BANES Councillor.

- (f) **23/03656/FUL** Change of use from Class E to restaurant and takeaway (Sui Generis) with associated works to the car park and elevations. Empty Premises, 32 Hight Street, Midsomer Norton. **Recommendation** The Planning Committee recommended approval
- (g) **23/03657/AR** Display of 1no. internally-illuminated freestanding sign and 15no non-illuminated dot signs comprising 3no. accessible bays, 4no litter, 1no pedestrian crossing, 4no noise, 1no speed limit 10mph, look both ways and 1no. no left turn. Empty Premises, 32 Hight Street, Midsomer Norton. **Recommendation** The Planning Committee recommended approval
- (h) **23/03658/AR** Display of 2no internally-illuminated acrylic white McDonald's letterset and 2n. internally-illuminated acrylic yellow "golden arch". Empty Premises, 32 Hight Street, Midsomer Norton. **Recommendation** The Planning Committee recommended approval
- (i) **23/03671/AR** Display of 3no. externally illuminated fascia signage and 1no. externally illuminated projecting sign. Empty Premises, 38 Hight Street, Midsomer Norton.
Recommendation The Planning Committee recommended approval
- (j) **23/03804/CONDLB** Discharge of condition 3 of application 23/01064/LBA (Internal and external refurbishment and extension of existing town hall to re-instate ground floor market hall and improve access throughout (Resubmission of 21/00915/LBA). **Recommendation** The Planning Committee were unable to comment as the Town Council were the planning applicant.

32. Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from B&NES

- (a) **23/02992/FUL** Erection of single storey garage extension. 5 Wellow Brook Meadow, Welton, Midsomer Norton **Decision** BANES have permitted the application. Midsomer Norton Town Council had no comment
- (b) **23/03032/FUL** Erection of single storey side and rear extension. 16 Priory Close, Midsomer Norton **Decision** BANES have permitted the application. Midsomer Norton Town Council had no comment.
- (c) **23/01622/FUL** Construction of 18 hole Crazy Golf course, together with associated soft landscaping, tree planting and new 2.2 metre-high security perimeter fence. Play Area, Gullock Tynning, Midsomer Norton. **Decision** BANES have permitted the application.
- (d) **23/02914/CLPU** Use within Class E, to Class E (b) to restaurant (Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use). 32 High Street, Midsomer Norton. **Decision** BANES have stated the application is lawful.

(e) **23/03048/VAR** Application for Variation of Condition. Parcel 2000 Silver Street, Midsomer Norton. **Planning Board** This application will be considered by BANES Planning Committee on 18th October 2023.

(f) **23/02551/FUL** Existing farm dairy and milking parlour to be converted into ablution block. The scheme includes new WC's, shower facilities and washdown areas reusing existing farming equipment. Mill Barn, Millards Hill, Welton, Midsomer Norton. This application was WITHDRAWN.

33. Date of Next Meeting – The Next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday 20th November commencing at 7.30pm

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