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PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 17th July 2023 at 7:30pm at the Council Chambers, The Hollies, Midsomer Norton.

Members Present: Councillors S Hughes (Chair), G Mackay, M Moxham, D Thatcher, M Thatcher and T Wells.

Also Present: Locum Town Clerk Peter Finnis, Admin Officer Jo Corbett

In Attendance: 9 members of the public, all in respect of item 16/23 below.

Committee noted the fire safety procedure and the Town Council's recording protocol.

10/23	<u>Apologies for absence</u> All Councillors were present.
11/23	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> No declarations of interest were made.
12/23	<u>Minutes</u> Resolved: That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 19 th June 2023 be signed and adopted as a correct record. Members discussed concerns in respect of the practice of agreeing and submitting comments on planning applications outside of the formal committee but noted the issue of time restraints and deadlines.
13/23	<u>Planning Applications for Consideration</u> Members considered the following schedule of applications submitted for consultation: a. 23/02271/FUL Expiry Date: 22nd August 2023 16 Prioory Close Midsomer Norton Radstock Bath And North East Somerset BA3 2HZ. Erection of a single storey side/rear extension and provision of loft conversion with front dormer. NO COMMENT Note: Councillor Hughes agreed to check on the status of a concurrent application on this property.

	<p>b. 23/02498/FUL Expiry Date: 30th August 2023 11 St Luke's Road Midsomer Norton Radstock Bath And North East Somerset BA3 2EJ. Erection of single storey front and side extension, removal of hedge and erection of 2m fence.</p> <p>NO COMMENT</p> <p>c. 23/01938/RES Expiry Date: 19th July 2023 24 Belle Vue Welton Midsomer Norton Radstock Bath And North East Somerset BA3 2BS Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for the erection of 1 no. dwelling house, following the approval of a variation of condition application (reference 22/03253/VAR) to vary condition 4 of outline planning consent 21/04069/OUT.</p> <p>NO COMMENT</p>
14/23	<p><u>Planning Decisions</u></p> <p>Members noted the schedule of recent decisions made by the Local Planning Authority.</p>
15/23	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>Members received a verbal update on Neighbourhood Plan from Cllr Mackay. It was noted that B&NES have passed on a draft copy, and that amendments will be necessary because of updates to the Local Plan. Cllrs Mackay and Wells are to attend the Somer Valley Area Workshop at the Somer Centre on Wednesday 26th July 2023.</p>
16/23	<p><u>Former Welton Bibby and and Barron Factory, Station Road. This item was added to the business of the meeting due to concerns from local residents about the continued time being taken to develop the site and the deterioration of some of the buildings that could represent a serious safety hazard. Nine local residents were present and participated in the discussion. Those present were advised on the due planning process.</u></p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That local residents be encouraged to register and convey their concerns via the reporting process to B&NES. 2. That the Town Council convey its support for residents concerns. <p>Note: Councillor Hughes did not express a view on this matter as, in his capacity as a member of the B&NES Planning Committee, it could fester his ability to participate in planning application decisions in respect of this site due to conflict with predetermination rules.</p>

Committee noted that the next Committee meeting would be held on Monday 18th September commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no other business the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9:00pm.

CHAIR:

DATE:

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