

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE OLD COURT ROOM, THE SESSIONS HOUSE, LOUTH
ON TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2016**

Present Councillor Mrs. S. Crew (SC), (in the chair)

Councillors: Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), C. Green (CG), J. Garrett (JG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), D. Hobson (DH), G.E. Horton (GEH), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), L.M. Stephenson (LMS), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT), D. Turner (DT), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW) and D.E. Wing

Councillors not present: Mrs. J. Speed (JS).

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley, her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips, no members of the press and two members of the public were also present.

Four members of the public spoke in the public forum, as follows:

- A lady apprised those present of her concerns regarding escalating littering in the town.
- A lady reported that vandalism had taken place in Harveys Lane playpark but it had come to her attention that the situation had not been reported to the police. She wished to reiterate that Councillors should report all relevant incidents to ensure that the police are aware.
- Cllr. AL reported that former Mayoress Mrs. G. Robertson was still poorly and in hospital. Her husband, former Mayor and current President of the Royal British Legion Louth Branch, Mr. F. Robertson was very tired but hoping to be present at Remembrance events.
- Cllr. Mrs. JMS reported that the District Plan had gone through the Council and been agreed and was now going forward to the next set of consultations before examination which would take place in Spring.

285. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. JS.

286. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman reported that planning applications for Julian Bower and Land off Shearwater Close would go before the ELDC Planning Committee on 17th November.

287. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations

Declarations of interest were made by:

- a. Councillor DJEH – planning application 1 – as an acquaintance of neighbouring property tenant, Cllr. Mrs. JS.
- b. Cllr. FWPT – agenda item 8c – as a member of ELDC.
- c. Cllr. Mrs. JMS – agenda items 6, 7 and 8 – as a part time member of the ELDC Planning Committee.
- d. Cllr. AL – planning application 12 – as an acquaintance of the applicant.
- e. Cllr. Mrs. LHW – planning application 1 – as a friend of the neighbours.
- f. Cllr. RJ – agenda item 8c and planning application 1 – as a member of ELDC and as an acquaintance of neighbouring property tenant, Cllr. Mrs. JS.

288. Minutes

Following a proposal by Councillor DJEH, seconded by Councillor AL, it was **RESOLVED** by vote of the Committee that the notes of the last meeting held on 18th October 2016 be approved as the Minutes.

289. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on.

290. Applications received by the Local Planning Authority

The Committee considered the applications listed in the schedule (PA/Schedule 11-08-16) and

RESOLVED as follows:

- a. N/105/02171/16 – 13 Eastgate - Louth Town Council objected to the replacement of the wooden doors which councillors felt should be retained as an original feature of the building. Councillors were concerned regarding the impact and proximity to St. James Church and that the plans should be revisited to provide the desired changes in an alternative way.
- b. To support all other applications.

291. Planning Correspondence

The Committee considered the following proposed work to trees with no comments other than they would like to see the Silver Birch tree replaced at b.

- a. 16 St James View –
 - i. Horse Chestnut - Reduce SW lateral by 5m removing branches <6cm Reduce NE lateral 2m above point of infection removing branches <10cm diameter Reduce lateral Spread North from 8m by 2m and removing branches <5cm diameter. Reason - To reduce leverage To clear street lights and give at least 2m clearance over footpath
 - ii. Beech - Reduce Spread North from 8m by 2m, South 10m by 3m, East 12m by 3m and West 10m by 2m, removing branches <8cm diameter. Reason - To reduce leverage on the unions and points of fibre buckling and retain the tree long term.
- b. 27 Old Mill Park – Silver Birch – Fell – it has a split trunk and is close to and towers over 25 & 27 Old Mill Park.
- c. 54 Westgate – Committee members noted that ELDC had permitted all works to proceed and not served any TPO's. Louth Town Council objected to the felling of the Common Walnut.

292. Correspondence

The Committee noted that the following correspondence had been received:

- a. **From:** Barton Willmore **Re:** N/092/01853/16 Land south of Chestnut Drive – addressing the Town Council's concerns (available in the office).

293. Budget / Precept 2016/17

The Committee noted that the Planning Committee did not have any financial responsibilities.

294. Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 29th November 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 8.18pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Dated _____