

# **PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

**Date and Time:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 7.00pm

**Venue:** The Old Courthouse, The Burgage, Southwell.

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** **Present:** Cllrs A. Gregory (Chairman), B. Smith (Vice Chair), K. Ashworth, R. Dobson, P. Harris, N. Mure, M. Pay, C. Pierpoint, P. Rainbow, S. Rodgers.

**In attendance:** C. Williams (Deputy Clerk), a reporter from Newark Advertiser and members of the public.

**1 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs T. Brown, L. Harris

**2 Council Members' declarations of interest for items on the agenda:**

Cllr. P Harris: Item 8.1 & 8.5 – Personal

Cllr. C. Pierpoint: Item 8.1 – Personal & Prejudicial

Cllr. R Dobson: Item 7 & 8.4 - Personal

**3 Chairman's notices:**

3.1 The Planning Chairman apologised to the Council Chairman regarding his behaviour at the Full Council Meeting held on 21 November 2011. His apologies were accepted.

3.2 It was noted that there would be a temporary footpath closure to Becher's Walk from its junction with Burgage Lane for a distance of 235 meters in a southerly direction from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012 for footpath resurfacing works.

3.3 It was announced that there will be a temporary road closure of King Street; Phase one, from Burgage Lane to Queen Street; Phase two, Queen Street to A612 Church Street. Water mains renewals work will take place from 9<sup>th</sup> January – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012. It was agreed that this work would affect the town greatly and that this notice should be displayed in the STC Noticeboard.

3.4 Update on Church Street; it was noted that the developer had agreed with NSDC to tidy up and reinstate some of the hoarding to reduce the poor visual impact of the site. It was proposed that the Deputy Clerk respond positively to NSDC enforcement with the Committees concerns regarding NCC not being able to provide supervision whilst a JCB removed excessive earth from the site and the possibility of damage to the archaeology beneath. It was reported that Southwell Heritage Group had also written to NCC with their concerns regarding the JCB movement and possible damage.

**4 Minutes of previous meetings:**

4.1 Planning Committee Minutes for 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 were agreed unanimously as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 Matters arising;

Item 5.2: Cllr P. Harris apologised for his misleading comment and that NCC Highways Officer J. Horton had not been moved to another area.

Item 5.3: The Interactive sign on Halam Road was still not working and would be brought up at the HWG meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Item 7: It was noted that NSDC would hold a further consultation of the Housing Allocation DPD before the final report is submitted due to a number of late applications for new sites for consideration.

**5 Transport and Highways matters:** None. Notes from the HWG Meeting being held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December would be circulated after the HWG meeting.

Points to be raised at HWG meeting;

- Parking on double and single yellow lines continued to be a problem throughout the town, particularly outside Barclays Bank on Westgate. I. Harrison from NSDC Civil Enforcement to be invited to attend a future HWG meeting to understand where pinch points are.
- Damage and missing gateway to Southwell sign to be reported to Highways.
- Chase up placement of temporary interactive sign.
- Interactive sign on Halam Road still not working

**6 It was Proposed and Resolved unanimously;** that Cllrs. R. Dobson, K. Ashworth and C. Pierpoint form the renewable Energy Working Group. It was agreed that the working group would write a set of guidelines or statement to aid the Committee to be consistent with applications which proposed energy saving measures in the conservation area.

**7 NSDC Licensing Application for the Hearty Goodfellow Public House, Church Street.** It was Proposed and Resolved, 9 for, 1 abstention, that the Council Support this application but with reservation. The Deputy Clerk to write to NSDC Licensing Department. (Email can be viewed in the office).

Points to be taken into consideration;

- Closures on external doors
- Specified noise level restrictions
- No entry to the public house after 23.00hrs
- No External music

**8 Planning applications:** See annexe page for all committee decisions.

*The Chairman proposed and it was unanimously agreed to take Agenda Item 8.6, followed by the other planning applications at this point to facilitate the participation of members of the public. It was unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Orders to enable members of the public to address the committee and answer questions. Standing Orders were then re-instated to enable the Committee to reach its decision. Cllr. C Pierpoint left the room for Agenda Item 8.1.*

**9 Planning Decisions:** Noted.

**10 Correspondence:** Noted

**11 Opportunity for questions from the public:** None

**12 Date of next meeting:** 4 January 2012 at 7.00pm

**13 Items for discussion at the next meeting:** To discuss how to develop a Neighbourhood Local Plan.

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed.....Date.....

**Chairman, Planning Committee**