



Skipton Town Council

15/06

Environment & Planning Committee
Thursday 28 May 2015
7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Whitaker (Chairman), Hickman, Harbron, Paton, Rankine & Bell.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer) & Wendy Allsopp (Administration Assistant).

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. To accept representations from the Public between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm.

None.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Emmerson and C Clark.

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests of items on the Agenda.

None.

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

None.

5. To accept the minutes from the previous meeting on 23 April 2015.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the previous meeting held on 23 April 2015 as a true and fair record of what transpired at that meeting.

6. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Chief Officer.

None.

7. To consider the remit, format and meeting schedule for the Planning Application Working Group

After discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Planning Application Working Group should:

- Take place as and when required in the Town Council Offices meeting room on Monday mornings at 9 am.
- All Members of the Council would be invited to attend
- Planning Applications would be discussed provided that at least 2 Town Councillors were in attendance.
- The Chairman of the Environment and Planning Committee would call the meetings and Ward Members could request the Chairman to call a meeting.
- A pro-forma would be produced in order for the Working Group to pass their comment on to Officers, who would then forward them on to the Planning Authority.

Members were encouraged to attend Craven District Council's Planning Committee Meetings to discuss any individual issues they had.

8. To consider planning application reference 63/2015/15792 relating to a proposed development adjacent to the A629 and Carleton Road, Skipton

Members inspected the planning application documents.

The Committee believed that the following concerns needed addressing with regard to this development:

The loss of industrial space and land earmarked for employment and;

The increased amount of homes which could be unsustainable due to the lack of public transport to and from the site. Members would like to point out that Pennine Buses no longer exist.

In the interest of pedestrian safety access is unsatisfactory due to the lack of pavements on walking routes into the town centre and public transport links.

Insufficient car parking spaces for the office building. This area already gets very busy with vehicles when funerals are taking place at the Crematorium.

Members are unhappy for building, especially housing, to occur on a flood plain.

The Committee are of the belief that this development contravenes the National Planning Policy Framework rules which replaced ENV1 & 2.

Members enquire what the 'contaminated land' is as noted on the application form and question the distance stated in the documents between the site and Eller Beck.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit the above observations to the Planning Authority.

9. To receive notification of matters that Members would like on a future agenda

General advertising signage and A-boards.

Trade refuse collection and alleyway litter in the town centre.

Meeting Closed at 8.10 pm