

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND PLACE COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY 13th AUGUST 2015 AT THE GUILDHALL TOTNES**

Present: Councillors R Adams (chair), Connelly (left at 6pm), Hodgson, Hendriksen, Paine

Apologies: Councillors Whitty, Westacott and Vint

In attendance: Laura Shearer (Assistant to the Town Clerk)

No	Subject	Comments
1	To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.	It was <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the apologies were accepted.
	<i>The Committee will adjourn for the following item:</i>	
	A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Committee or other items that affect Totnes.	No members of the public were in attendance.
	<i>The Committee will convene to consider the following items:</i>	
2	To approve the minutes of the meeting of 23 <sup>rd</sup> July and address any matters arising.	The following matters arose from the minutes of the meeting of 23 <sup>rd</sup> of July: To note: Great Court Farm is ongoing. Councillors are awaiting a response from the Duke of Somerset with a date for a meeting.
3	To make recommendations on the following planning applications: 1) 56/1617/15/F – Householder application for single storey extension to rear. 8 Hillbrook Road, Totnes, TQ9 5AT. Applicant: Mr M Beer. (Planning Officer: Ben Gilpin) 2) 14_45/1614/15/F – Alterations to roof to increase height for MOT bays (resubmission of consent 14_56/0779/15/F). Unit 3 Malt Mill, Malt Mill Lane, Totnes, TQ9 5NH. Applicant: Totnes Auto Services. (Planning Officer: Lucy Hall) 3) 56/1618/15/F – Householder application for garage door widening and extension into ground with summer house above. 28C South Street, Totnes, TQ9 5DZ. Applicant: Mr S Gifford-Mead. (Planning Officer: Clare Stewart) 4) 56/1664/15/F – Householder application for erection of double garage; alterations to lower ground floor to create self contained annexe, ancillary to use of main dwelling; and alteration to roof and eaves height to increase 1 <sup>st</sup> floor area (resubmission of 56/0420/15/F). Crosswinds, Kingsbridge Hill, Totnes, TQ9 5SZ. Applicant: Mr D Peters. (Planning Officer: Tim Furmidge)  5) 56/1694/15/LB – Listed building consent for 2no. hanging signs and to add text to window and door and other alterations. 16 Leechwell Street, Totnes, TQ9 5SX. Applicant: Browns of Totnes. (Planning Officer: Kate Price) 6) 56/1684/15/F – Erection of tower to house TV aerial and satellite dish. Land at SX 806 597, St Peters Quay, Totnes, TQ9 4EW. Applicant: Bloor Homes (South West) Limited. (Planning Officer: Clare Stewart)	No objections  No objections  No objections  Councillors raised concerns over the visual impact of the development due to the design and location. Councillors are requesting a site visit before a decision can be made. Planning officer was asked to check procedure on site visits being advertised as public.  No objections  Objection. While Councillors are supportive of a single aerial, they feel that the tower design would have a negative impact on the visual environment. Councillors would

	<p>7) 56/1666/15/CU – Change of use from Paint Your Own and part offices (A2) to hair studio (A1). China Blue, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5JR. Applicant: China Blue (Devon) Limited. (Planning Officer: Ben Gilpin)</p>	<p>support an alternative design built integrally into one of the buildings.</p> <p>No objections</p> <p>NOTE: Cllr JH observed and did not vote on any applications which would potentially be discussed at a Development Management Committee meeting at SHDC.</p>
4	To note tree works decisions and orders:	<p>It was noted that TPO no.916 has been removed from Leylandii tree on the verge adjacent to Victoria Court, St. Katherine's Way.</p> <p>Councillors would like to investigate the removal of some trees behind the Spar shop buildings in Christina Parade, Bridgetown? It was <b>RECOMMENDED</b> to ask SHDC tree officer.</p>
5	To note the opportunity to submit evidence to the inquiry into the future of Housing Associations. Deadline for submissions is 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2015.	<p>This was discussed and it was <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that councillors submit evidence and contact all local parishes requesting letters of support. It was also <b>RECOMMENDED</b> to request evidence data from Neighbourhood Plan as well as acquiring current housing needs lists from SHDC.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b> to full council requesting a meeting with Sarah Wollaston regarding this issue.</p>
6	To note a request for agreement with TTT Nut and Fruit Tree Planting Project to include joint funding, maintenance and decisions.	<p>This was discussed and the following <b>RECOMMENDATION</b> was made: Request for TTT Fruit and Nut Tree planting Project to come to the First World War group meeting regarding the planting of trees in town. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 3pm, at the Guildhall. Planning committee to attend.</p>
7	To note government article on giving local people the final say over onshore wind farms.	<p>This was discussed and it was <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the Neighbourhood Plan be made aware of this.</p>
8	To note the actions from the meeting with DCC Highways	<p>It was <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that the Town Clerk is to process these</p>

		actions. Chief Executive of Devon County Council, Phil Norrey, is to be copied in on emails.
9	To note a request from NALC to write to local MP's in support of removing business rates on public toilets and to note and receive handouts on new NHS initiative 'Just can't wait'.	This was noted and discussed. It was <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that Councillors write to our local MP.  Handouts on the 'Just can't wait' initiative were received from Councillor Adams.
10	To note approval of 27a High Street to re-open as a community art house cinema and café.	This was noted with pleasure.
11	To note or discuss SHDC DMC decisions since last meeting	This was noted. The Planning Officer was asked to obtain confirmation from SHDC that a town council representative is able to attend and speak at DMC meetings.
12	To note minutes of community groups: - Traffic and Transport Forum  - Neighbourhood Plan	It was noted that councillors are unable to note the minutes due to inconsistencies and queries that will need to be resolved with the Traffic and Transport Forum.  This was noted.
13	To note the date of the next meeting – <b>3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 at 5pm</b> in the Guildhall	This was noted.

Meeting ended at 6.55pm.

END

MAYOR