

**MINUTES OF THE PLACE COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2015 AT THE GUILDHALL TOTNES**

Present: Councillors Wellwood (Chair), R. Adams, Gorman and Harvey

In attendance: Tatiana Cant (minutes), Steve Peacock (Totnes Times), one member of the public

Apologies: Cllrs Hodgson and Whitty

No	Subject	Comments
1	To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.	Apologies received from Cllrs Hodgson and Whitty, and approved.
	<i>The Committee adjourned for the following item:</i>	
2	Public Engagement: to allow members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Committee or other items that affect Totnes.	The applicant attended to support application 56/0234/15/F. Recommendation reported below.
	<i>The Committee reconvened for the following items:</i>	
3	To deal with any matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 3 February 2015 and note updates.	The minutes were agreed as a true record.
4	<p>1) 56/0234/15/F – Householder application for rear extension, replacement and alterations of side garage and addition of retaining walls to rear garden (resubmission of 56/1492/14/F. 42 Denys Road, TQ9 5TL. Applicant: Mr M Cox. (Enforcement Officer: Wendy Ormsby)</p> <p>2) 56/0220/15/F – Householder application for demolition of existing and construction of new porch. 6 Hillbrook Rise, TQ9 5AU. Applicant: Mr D Crook. (Planning Officer: Charlotte Howrihane)</p> <p>3) 56/0272/15/F – Householder application for demolition of existing garage and entrance porch and construction of new timber framed lean-to entrance porch with utility and w.c. facilities. Quisty Beeches, Bourton Lane, TQ9 5JF. Applicant: Mr P Husell. (Planning Officer: Charlie Bladon)</p>	<p>No objection.</p> <p>No objection to the construction of a new porch but it appears that the timber cladding is out of keeping with the area.</p> <p>Members would prefer the use of hard wood timber frames.</p>

	<p>4) 56/0057/15/AD – Advertisement consent for fascia signage. 74 Fore Street, Totnes, TQ9 5RU. Applicant: Mr D Birch. (Planning Officer: Clare Stewart)</p> <p>5) 14/0300/15/F – Erection of 500kW ground mounted solar array. Proposed solar array at SX 7955 6271, Grattons Field, Dartington Hall, Totnes. Applicant: Dartington Hall Trust. (Enforcement Officer: Wendy Ormsby)</p>	<p>No objection.</p> <p>Members would like to reserve comment until the views of Dartington Parish Council are known.</p>
5	<p>To discuss proposed tree works and orders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AW/CP/TPO 914 – Serve order on Birch. Haytor, Plymouth Road</li> <li>- 56/0261/15/TCA – Reduce crown on Silver Birch, The Gothic House, 4 Bank Lane</li> </ul>	<p>No objection – fully support.</p> <p>Objection to reducing the crown as per application. Suggest the lower branches are trimmed to raise the crown.</p>
6	<p>To note tree works decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 56/0081/15 – Refusal of consent: Fell Birch. Haytor, Plymouth Road</li> <li>- 56/0175/15/tw – TPO Grant of Conditional Consent. Coppice and Pollarding of trees of various species. Follaton Farm, Plymouth Road</li> </ul>	Noted
7	<p>To note or discuss Enforcement Notice Appeal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- APP/K1128/C 14/3000946. China Blue Overflow car park</li> </ul>	Noted
8	To note or discuss SHDC DMC decisions since last meeting	Noted
9	To discuss any updates on Great Court Farm application	An official request had been submitted to the Secretary of State to ask for the application to be called-in. Sarah Wollaston MP had also expressed her support. No decision had yet been made.
10	To consider street naming and numbering for development at Follaton Oak	Members felt strongly that ‘Mews Lane’ was not appropriate. Suggestions included the use of local field names for this development and also for the Riverside development.
11	To discuss process for repairing damaged wall in South Street	Concern was expressed that this wall which was damaged in May 2014 was both unsightly and dangerous. <b>RECOMMEND</b> that DCC be informed that the Town Council

		would arrange for the wall to be repaired given the Health and Safety risk, and pass this to DCC for payment.
12	To decide which Town Council policies the Committee will review	Discussion deferred to next meeting. Deputy Clerk to prepare a draft list of potential policies to review for discussion at the next meeting.
13	To discuss proposal regarding name of the Place Committee	It was unanimously agreed that it would be clearer and simpler to change the name of the committee to 'Planning Committee' while recognising that the group considers a number of wider matters relating to issues of 'place' in the town. <b>RECOMMEND</b> that the name of the Place Committee be changed with immediate effect to 'Planning Committee'.
14	To note minutes of last Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting	Noted. The appointment of a Neighbourhood Plan Co-ordinator was welcomed.
15	To note minutes of last Totnes on the Move meeting	Noted. The considerable engagement with the Neighbourhood Plan process was welcomed.
16	To remind councillors of items for forthcoming meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DCC public transport consultation</li> <li>- SHDC Green Infrastructure consultation</li> <li>- Meeting with Conservation Officers – 26 Feb</li> </ul>	
17	To note the date of the next meeting – Tuesday 17 March 2015 at 5pm	Noted

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MAYOR