**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND PLACE COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 29TH JUNE 2017 AT THE GUILDHALL TOTNES**

Present: Councillors Vint (Chair), Hodgson, Paine, and Sermon.

In Attendance: Sara Halliday (Administrator), public and press.  
Apologies: Councillor Hendriksen.

Not Present: Councillor Hart-Williams.

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| No | Subject | Comments |
| 1 | To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council. | It was **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies. |
|  | *The Committee will adjourn for the following items:* |  |
|  | 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. | Five members of the public spoke who all raised concerns about the application to site a telecommunications mast in Babbage Road (see item 5.1). The public felt that there were issues around: adverse health effects from emissions from such masts – a number of those represented are suffering ill health, including cancer and electro-sensitivity; proximity of the proposed mast to those existing masts already in the vicinity of Borough Park Road – household radiation monitors are registering high levels of radiation; the lack of scientific research into the long-term effects of mast signal emissions – evidence is required to prove these masts are safe. |
|  | *The Committee will convene to consider the following items:* |  |
| 2 | To approve the minutes of the meeting of 8th June 2017. | Agreed. However, under item 4.1 the matter of an access road for the Riverside development will be raised with DCC. |
| 3 | To elect a deputy Chair. |  |
| 4 | To note the following tree works decisions:  **Works to Trees in a Conservation Area:**  4.1) Grant of Conditional Consent - 0725/17/TCA – T1: Walnut – lateral crown reduction by approx 2m, cuts to be no more than 75mm diameter, crown thin by approx 10% to remove crossing branches and epicormic growth. 1 Cistern Street, Totnes, TQ9 5SP. | Noted. |
| **NOTE: Cllrs JH and RV observe and do not vote on any applications which would potentially be discussed at a Development Management Committee meeting at SHDC.** | | |
| 5 | To make recommendations on the following planning applications:  To make recommendations on the following planning applications:  5.1) 2021/17/COM Application for prior notification of proposed development by telecommunications code system operators for 17.5M shrouded monopole, 2no. microwave dishes and 2no. equipment cabinets. Highways Land off Babbage Road, Totnes.  5.2) 1865/17/ADV – Advertising consent for rebranding of external sign work (resubmission of 0708/17/ADV). Morrisons, Coronation Road, Totnes, TQ9 5GN.  5.3) 1837/17NMM – Non-material minor amendment application to relocate of customer entrance door following grant of planning consent 0088/17/VAR. Morrisons Filling Station, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5HW.  5.4) 0613/17/FUL – Change of use from 2 storey garage/store room to 2 storey dwelling. Mannamead, 2a Sparrow Road, Totnes, TQ9 5PR.  5.5) 2103/17/POD – Prior approval for a proposed change of use of a building from office use (Class B1(a)) to a dwellinghouse (Class C3). Rear of 24 Fore Street, Totnes, TQ9 5DX.  5.6) 1970/17/LBC – Listed building consent to change the colour of paintwork to doors and windows. The Town Mill, Coronation Road, Totnes, TQ9 5DF.  5.7) 1886/17/VAR – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning consent 2621/15/FUL (erection of 1 no dwelling) for changes to location of building, external material, removal of sun space, reduced roof glazing to allow for solar panels and reduced eaves and verge line. Land Adjacent, Weir Nook, Weirfields, Totnes.  5.8) 1928/17/NMM – Non-material amendment application following grant of planning permission 56/2567/14/F. Printer’s Pie, South Street, Totnes, TQ9  5.9) 1464/17/HHO – Householder application to build a retaining wall to level part of the back garden. Greeba, Bridgetown Hill, Totnes, TQ9 5BN. | Applications available on the SHDC website – [www.southhams.gov.uk](http://www.southhams.gov.uk)  Questions to be raised with SHDC:   * What health risk assessment has been carried out for this type of mast and its operating effect when considered alongside other nearby masts? * Who owns the land for the proposed mast site? * Visual amenity concerns – does the mast need to be so high? * What is the assessed justification of need?   Objection – the illuminated column will disrupt the wildlife corridor along the Mill Leat. There are currently no illuminated signs in Totnes.  No objections.  No objections.  Cllr Vint declared an interest. No objections.  Cllr Vint declared an interest. Cllrs did not object to the painting of woodwork but requested that a heritage shade of white is used.  Cllrs Hodgson and Vint declared an interest. No objections.  Insufficient information to make a decision – the conservatory is not clearly indicated on the plans.  No objections. |
| 6 | To note the SHDC Development Management Briefing Paper for June 2017. | Noted. Cllrs were concerned about the proposal to end the distribution of hard copy planning documents. Having large paper plans to examine as part of the Committee’s scrutiny of applications is extremely important. |
| 7 | To note the Slapton Line Partnership public consultation in July inviting suggestions on how to protect the Slapton Line and A379 road from lowering beach levels and storm damage. | Noted. This is an important wildlife area. |
| 8 | To note the following event requests received by SHDC:  8.1) Totnes Young People’s Street Theatre, Shady Gardens, 1st July 2017.  8.2) Family Fun Dog Show, Longmarsh green space, 8th July 2017.  8.3) Totnes 10K race and 1 mile fun run, Borough Park, 6th August 2017.  8.4) Beer, Wine and Food Festival, Borough Park, 19th August 2017. | Noted.  Noted.  Noted.  Noted. |
| 9 | To note the proposed date of the next meeting – **20th July 2017 at 4pm** in the Guildhall. | Date to be reviewed as Cllrs Hodgson and Vint are unavailable. |

ENDED 5:20PM

CHAIR