

BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning, Environment and Transport Meeting held on 5th October 2016.

Present: Councillors Janet Jones (Chair), Pam Barrett, Pamela Forbes, Ron Fox, , Andy Stokes and Judith Hart (Town Clerk)

Part I (Open to the Public)

16/72. Questions raised by the public: None

16/73. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Mark Maish and Linus McCloskey
Cllr Greg Porter did not attend

16/74. Declaration of Interests: None

16/75. To approve & sign as a correct the Minutes of the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee meeting on Wednesday 7th September 2016.

Signed by Cllr Janet Jones

16/76. Review of actions from previous meeting:

Proposal to facilitate cluster meetings – The Clerk advised that three neighbouring parishes had expressed an interest, one parish will not respond and another Parish Council did not feel that this would be of benefit to them.

A2 Printer – Cllrs Andy Stokes: It would cost around £1,000 to purchase an A2 printer to accommodate the printing of planning applications for meetings.

Members agreed that this was too expensive and a cost that will also not be met by Teignbridge District Council (TDC). Cllr Jones reiterated that other Councils at a recent meeting of the Teignbridge Association of District Councils had expressed their dissatisfaction with the decision made by TDC to go paperless

Dartmoor National Park Authority (DNPA) Local Plan Review and Buckfastleigh Neighbourhood Plan - The Council is disappointed not to have had the opportunity to be involved in the review of the DNP Local Plan before it was sent out for consultation. At the meeting held in June with Stephen Belli (Director of Planning), he had suggested that Councillors could meet with both him and his staff to discuss the Local Plan review and how to take forward the Buckfastleigh Neighbourhood Plan after DNPs decision to allow the redevelopment of the office site in Devonian. A number of emails about this matter have been exchanged, but as yet no meeting has been arranged.

Members also discussed their concern that the Housing Needs Survey undertaken in 2014 may not have given an accurate picture and did not demonstrate an adequate cross section of the community at that time.

Action: Clerk to contact Stephen Belli again to request a meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan and suggest that the Housing Needs Survey is re-visited, particularly with respect to the two areas of designated land for development in Buckfastleigh.

16/77. Planning Applications:

0322/16 Extension to the existing Linhay Hill Quarry, Ashburton for the extraction of minerals and creation of new permanent landscaping bunds with associated landscaping, surface water management works and other environmental improvements on land adjacent to the quarry. Planning application accompanied by an Environmental Statement and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2011 (as amended) – adjoining parish consultation.

It was noted that Ashburton Town Council (ATC) support this application and that Cllr Janet Jones had attended their September meeting to hear the exchange of comments and recommendations. The Council has also received a report from ATC to this effect.

No Objection

0494/16 Proposed: Variation of condition 2 attached to decision reference 0475/12 to allow use of house as guest accommodation at 1 Northgate House, Northwood Lane, Buckfast.

No Objection, although Members expressed concern regarding noise from the movement of traffic late at night and the impact that this may have on neighbouring residential properties.

16/0045 Proposed Tree Works, The Linhay, Buckfastleigh – to fell eucalyptus tree.

No Objection

16/78. Planning Applications received after Agenda Set:

16/0051 Proposed Tree Works, Hoskings Court, Buckfastleigh – to reduce canopy of a cherry tree back from No 16 and thin crown by 15%.

No Objection

0527/16 Proposed: Removal of condition 11 of 0296/15 to allow for grey UPVC windows at Orchard Lea, Grange Road, Buckfast.

No Objection

16/79. Whitecleave Quarry Working Party Update:

No meetings have taken place.

16/80. Buckfastleigh Parking Working Party Update:

Notes from the first meeting of the working party had been circulated to Members and it was agreed that a good list of action points had been listed.

Action: Cllr Andy Stokes to circulate the car parking report produced for the Neighbourhood Plan.

To request that the working party draws up a proposal and agrees terms for the residents parking initiative at the Devonia site and discuss with Devonia how many parking spaces could be made available, how much permits would cost and who would oversee the management of this? Members agreed that the suggestion of 50 spaces would be a good starting point.

Cllr Simon Rines to consider the implications of parking cars at the Devonia site and the impact that this may have on the Neighbourhood Plan.

16/81. Correspondence: None

16/82. Items requiring urgent attention: None

Meeting closed at 7.55pm