

# Workington Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council Planning Committee held on Monday 7 October 2019 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Workington

Cllr H Briggs	Present
Cllr R Briggs	Present
Cllr H Harrington	Present
Cllr J Holliday	Present
Cllr J Hunter	Apologies
Cllr P McCarthy	Absent
Cllr S Melton (Vice chair)	Present
Cllr B Sansom (chair)	Present
Cllr P Scott	Apologies
Cllr L Williams	Apologies
Cllr J King (Mayor)	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk.

### **P19.22 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted as being for approved reasons under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972, s85, from Cllr J Hunter, Cllr P Scott and Cllr L Williams.

### **P19.23 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Sansom brought the Committee's attention to his interest in Item 6 (8), which concerned his employer.

### **P19.24 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

No issues were raised.

### **P19.25 Minutes of the last meeting**

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting on 5 August 2019 and affirmed them as a true record. The meeting on 2 September had not taken place, so the only substantive item on its agenda had been considered under delegated powers and reported under item 6 (1).

### **P19.26. Puffin Crossing and Parking Restriction, Church Road, Harrington**

The Committee considered a plan by Cumbria County Council to install a Puffin Crossing and Parking Restrictions on Church Road, Harrington. The Committee heard that although the consultation suggested the crossing was planned for a point between 22 Church Road and the United Reformed Church on the opposite side, subsequent discussions between CCC officers and a ward member had implied that this was no longer their intention, as they had accepted a number of criticisms of the plan. However, it was noted that the Committee could only deal with the plan as

it was received. The Committee did however confirm that it was unhappy with the location, primarily because it did not appear to match the obvious desire line crossing point of children coming from Beckstone School, and would create further concerns for traffic exiting the Catholic Church. The Committee also raised concerns about the design of the crossing, which it was noted had been withdrawn from the town centre crossings in Workington due to safety concerns.

**Resolved:** To report concerns about the location and the style of crossing to Cumbria County Council.

**P19.27. Planning Applications**

The Committee considered the following planning applications received from Allerdale Borough Council.

1) FUL/2019/0200	Mr Keith Wareing 30B Becksides Stores Church Road Harrington Workington	Change of use from retail to coffee shop with integral play area and extension to form toilet facilities	This application was considered under delegated powers, in consultation with the Chair and members of the council's Planning Committee, which was unable to meet in time to make a proper consideration.  <b><u>No objections</u></b>
2) FUL/2019/0194	Mrs Lynne Graham 17 Oxford Street Workington	To change current shop to A5 class hot food takeaway.	<b><u>No objections</u></b>
3) FUL/2019/0210	Mr M Koszyczarek Rapleys LLP Land near New Bridge Road, Workington	The erection of a new discount foodstore with car parking, landscaping and other associated works	The Committee noted that the application had been considered in theory during the pre-application stage, however they now had more information about the development and its potential consequences for other parts of the town. They were disturbed by the outcome of the sequential testing. They did not agree with the conclusion that the proposed site was the only viable site. They felt that other sites had

			<p>potential, particularly Central Car Park, but acknowledged that this would require some imaginative design input.</p> <p>The Committee was also concerned about the impact on traffic, noting that the site was not one conducive to pedestrian access, and that traffic flows would be different from the public house which had been originally planned for the site. The Committee noted that it had not objected to the public house because it felt this had the capacity to enhance the character of the area through its prominent position, whereas the unimaginative design and nature of the foodstore did not contribute at all.</p> <p><b><u>Recommend Refusal</u></b></p>
4) 2/2018/0595	Mr Andrew Streeter Port Derwent Developments Ltd Land west of Derwent Howe Retail Park, Derwent Drive, Workington	Outline planning application for commercial development involving mixed retail (A1), food (A3), and hot food takeaway (A5) uses totalling 2,350 sq m (25,295 sq ft). Plant specification and schedule, indicative potential car park design	The Committee reiterated its past-stated belief that this development would have a very negative impact on town centre vitality and on the emerging value of the Derwent Howe open space. Its impact on traffic congestion on Derwent Drive would be considerable and no manner of anytown 'landscaping' would

			ameliorate that.  <b><u>Recommend Refusal</u></b>
5) HOU/2019/0195	Mr & Mrs Pears 3 Newlands Lane Workington	Single storey extension to side and rear providing additional living space.	<b><u>No objections</u></b>
6) HOU/2019/0196	Mrs J Skelley 151 Moorclose Road, Salterbeck, Workington	Single storey side extension to provide wet room.	<b><u>No objections</u></b>
7) ADV/2019/0014	Mr Caslake Travelodge Ltd Church Street Workington	installation of 1 illuminated totem sign, 7 illuminated building signs and 11 uplights	<b><u>No objections</u></b>
8) FUL/2019/0211	Mrs Katie Pearson Persimmon Homes Solway View, Lakes Road Workington	Erection of playground	Cllr S Melton assumed the chair for this item.  <b><u>No objections</u></b>
9) PB/2019/0022	Mr Rick Thompson BT Phone Box Moss Bay Road Workington	Proposed removal of public pay phone	The Committee had no objection to the withdrawal of the phone equipment but felt that any permission should require the complete removal of the phone box, as the derelict shell was of little use and merely served to accentuate an air of neglect.
10) PB/2019/0024	Mr Rick Thompson BT Phone Box Opposite 38 Westfield Drive Workington	Proposed removal of public pay phone	The Committee had no objection to the withdrawal of the phone equipment but felt that any permission should require the complete removal of the phone box, as the derelict shell was of little use and merely served to accentuate an air of neglect.
11) PB/2019/0025	Mr Rick Thompson BT Phone Box	Proposed removal of public pay phone	The Committee had no objection to the

	Opposite Steam Packet Inn, Stanley Street, Workington		withdrawal of the phone equipment but felt that any permission should require the complete removal of the phone box, as the derelict shell was of little use and merely served to accentuate an air of neglect.
12) PB/2019/0026	Mr Rick Thompson BT Phone Box Jct Harrington Road/Bird St Workington	Proposed removal of public pay phone	The Committee had no objection to the withdrawal of the phone equipment but felt that any permission should require the complete removal of the phone box, as the derelict shell was of little use and merely served to accentuate an air of neglect.
13) FUL/2019/0159	Mrs Jayne Holmes Split Endz, 60 John Street, Workington	Change of use of upper floors from residential to commercial beauty business	<b><u>No objections</u></b>
14) FUL/2019/0212	Mr & Mrs Southward Holy Trinity Church Northside Road Workington	Conversion of church to single dwelling	<b><u>No objections</u></b>
15) HOU/2019/0199	Mr and Mrs Hawkins 23 Ghyll Road Workington	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension	<b><u>No objections</u></b>
16) HOU/2019/0189	Mrs Carruthers 67 Brierydale Lane Stainburn	Proposed alterations and extensions	<b><u>No objections</u></b>
17) ADV/2019/0015	Mr Imran Ghafoor FIG Enterprises Ltd 74 Pow Street, Workington	Signage to existing property	<b><u>No objections</u></b>
18) FUL/2019/0218	Mr Imran Ghafoor FIG Enterprises Ltd 74 Pow Street, Workington	New shop front	<b><u>No objections</u></b>
19) ADV/2019/0017	Yours Clothing 7 Ivison Lane	New fascia sign with acrylic letters and	<b><u>No objections</u></b>

	Workington	illumination	
20) HOU/2019/0203	Mr Firby 46 Moor Road Workington	New extension to rear of property	<b><u>No objections</u></b>

The meeting closed at 19:38.