

# Workington Town Council

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## Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council Planning Committee held on Monday 1 February 2021 at 6.30pm on the Zoom web platform.

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| Cllr H Briggs              | Present   |
| Cllr R Briggs              | Present   |
| Cllr G Glaister            | Present   |
| Cllr H Harrington          | Present   |
| Cllr J Hunter              | Apologies |
| Cllr S Melton (Vice chair) | Present   |
| Cllr B Sansom (chair)      | Present   |
| Cllr P Scott               | Apologies |
| Cllr S Stoddart            | Apologies |
| Cllr J King (Mayor)        | Present   |

In attendance: Town Clerk.

Mark Jenkinson MP (joined the meeting at approximately 6.40pm)

### **P19.58. Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted as being for approved reasons under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972, s85, from Cllr Johnny Hunter, Cllr Stephen Stoddart and Cllr Paul Scott.

### **P19.59. Declarations of Interest**

No further interests were declared.

### **P19.60. Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)**

No issues were raised.

### **P19.61. Minutes of the last meeting**

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting on 5 January 2021 and affirmed them as a true record.

**Resolved:** To affirm the previous minutes as a true record.

### **P19.62. Consultation - Housing Development Stainburn**

The committee considered the proposed street names for a new housing development in Stainburn. The proposed street names are as follows:

- Meadow Walk
- Lakeland View
- Meadow View

- Farries Field

**Resolved:** The committee did not raise any objections to the proposed names and did not provide any further feedback for consideration.

**P19.63. Planning Reforms – Mark Jenkinson MP**

The committee received a report from Mark Jenkinson MP regarding proposed planning reforms. A white paper was published in autumn 2020 to begin a consultation on the proposed planning reforms. Prior to this document there have been no planning reforms for approximately six decades. Mr Jenkinson explained that the reforms should streamline some procedures and encourage more community involvement in the planning process. Following his report, Mark Jenkinson MP answered questions from committee members.

Cllr Harrington expressed a concern about the increase in housing developments, particularly in the context of Harrington. Cllr Harrington explained that new housing developments are often made without the necessary supporting infrastructure and facilities and questioned whether this issue is adequately addressed in the proposed planning reforms. Mr Jenkinson explained that the proposals would bring in earlier community consultation to better inform any planning decisions.

Cllr King supported Cllr Harrington’s concerns about newer housing developments having poorly planned infrastructure and lacking the necessary facilities to support the community. Cllr King also asked for more information about funding for the Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Jenkinson responded that the new planning reforms and Neighbourhood Plans may address some of these concerns and encouraged partnership working to tackle any ongoing issues. Mr Jenkinson also confirmed he would send more information about funding for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr H. Briggs outlined a number of concerns from residents in Harrington and commented they had not received a response from the MP’s office. Mr Jenkinson requested a summary of the complaints from Cllr Briggs so that he could look into any enquiries that had not received a response.

Cllr Melton described the new proposed housing development in Westfield and the discussions surrounding the 106 agreement for the funding of a play area. Mr Jenkinson confirmed he would be happy to make any representations to support the process.

**Resolved:** To accept the report.

**P19.64. Planning Applications**

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

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| 1) HOU/2021/0021 | 36 Ruskin Close, High Harrington, Workington, Cumbria CA14 4LS | Proposed first floor extension above existing garage, including taking off existing roof to house | <b><u>No Objections</u></b> |
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|                   |  | and replacing to accommodate extension  |  |
| 2) WTPO/2021/0005 | 11, Briery Acres, Stainburn, Workington, CA14 1XQ              | One Sycamore tree to be trimmed with a 30% crown reduction/ rotten branch removal   | <b><u>No Objections</u></b>  |
| 3) HOU/2021/0016  | 21 Newlands Lane, Workington, Cumbria CA14 3NF                 | Proposed single storey side and rear wrap around extension  | <b><u>No Objections</u></b>  |
| 4) FUL/2021/0023  | Lower Level John Peel House, Ladies Walk, Workington, CA14 3BA | Remove an existing external large smoking shelter and replace with a smaller shelter which is enclosed to prevent public access.                        | <b><u>No Objections</u></b>  |
| 5) HOU/2021/0011  | 1, Park End Road, Workington, CA14 4DE                         | To change 2 windows to front elevation with uPVC sliding sash in white. To change front door to composite 6 panel solid door in black with white frame. | <b><u>More information required</u></b> The committee requested confirmation that the property is in a Conservation Area. If so any modifications to the property would need to be made accordingly. |
| 6) FUL/20201/0205 | 20 Derwent Road, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 3TT                 | Change of use from commercial garage to bungalow  | <b><u>More information required</u></b> The committee requested that the Clerk check the size of the new development as it appears to bigger than the existing structure.                            |

The meeting closed at 19.18.