

RESOURCES / PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**MONDAY, 16TH MAY 2016**

Present: Cllr P. Allen, Cllr C. Blake, Cllr R. Dallyn, Cllr J. Hart, Cllr M. Johns, Cllr C. Lofts, Cllr J. Lynch,
Cllr S. McMurray, Cllr D. Tarbun

1a. **Election of Chairman of the Committee****Proposal**

Cllr Allen proposed that Cllr McMurray be elected Chairman of the Resources/Planning Committee for the ensuing year;
seconded by Cllr Lofts; all in favour

Cllr McMurray took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

1b. **Election of Vice-Chairman of the Committee****Proposal**

Cllr Dallyn proposed that Cllr Lynch be elected Vice-Chairman of the Resources/Planning Committee for the ensuing year;
seconded by Cllr Johns; all in favour

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr J. Wilby

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Johns and Cllr Dallyn declared an interest in Item 6b), Planning Application S/2016/0946/OUT. Cllr Johns and Cllr Dallyn signed the Declarations of Interest Register accordingly.

4. **Open to the Public**

No members of the public were present.

5. **Minutes of Meetings****Proposal**

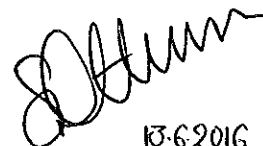
Cllr Johns proposed that the Minutes of the Resources/Planning Committee Meeting held on 11th April 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record;
seconded by Cllr Lofts; all in favour

5. **PLANNING**a) **Decisions**

Permission for Development granted in respect of:-

S/2016/0357/FUL 37 Bickerstaffes Road, Towcester
Two storey side extension

S/2016/0511/FUL 50 Kensington Close, Towcester
Replacement canopy over front door and single storey side extension



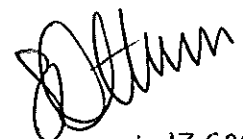
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No Objections to Conservation Area Tree Notification in respect of:-

- S/2016/0655/TCA British Telecom Telephone Exchange, 245 Watling Street West, Towcester
4No. Elders & 1No. Blackthorn – prune back all overhanging branches to near boundary line
- b) Applications
- S/2016/0946/OUT Land at 59 Brackley Road, Towcester
Outline application for 6 new dwellings
The Committee had no objections but requested that consideration be given to creating the vehicular access to all 6 proposed new dwellings via Clare Crescent. This will avoid the necessity to provide an additional junction onto the already busy Brackley Road
- S/20216/1003/FUL 191 Watling Street West, Towcester
Refurbish existing building to include new kitchen and toilet for the commercial office and change of use of the rear 1.5 storey accommodation to a 1-bedroom cottage
- &
S/2016/1004/LBC 191 Watling Street West, Towcester
Listed Building Consent to refurbish existing building to include new kitchen and toilet for the commercial office and change of use of the rear 1.5 storey accommodation to a 1-bedroom cottage. Works to include demolition of outside WC, removal of chimney and internal flue, block up of internal doorway between office and proposed cottage, 2 new roof lights and replace existing roof light, new timber doors to courtyard, new timber door to main entrance, new windows to replace existing modern rotten windows, works to the roof re-using existing tiles where possible, internal changes (see schedule of works)
The Committee had no objections to the application but requested that observations be made to note there is no parking provision for the proposed cottage and this will place further pressure on town centre car parking
- S/2016/1025/FUL 156 Watling Street East, Towcester
Replace front elevation windows, re-paint front elevation house and re-paint front door
No observations
- S/2016/1017/FUL 6 Brook Lane, Towcester
Single storey link extension between house and garage
No observations
- S/2016/0953/FUL 35 Nightingale Drive, Towcester
Single storey extension to front
No observations

7. New Homes Bonus Fund for Towcester

Details of the Towcester Studio Band's (TSB) application to receive funding from the New Homes Bonus (NHB) for Towcester had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting. TSB is seeking the TC support for its application which will be submitted for discussion by SNC Grants Panel in July. The Clerk confirmed she has recommended TSB contact SNC Grants Officer, Katie Arnold, for information on other sources of funding as the sum being requested is greater than the balance held in the NHB fund for Towcester to 31st March 2017. Cllr Johns suggested that SNC Grants Panel be asked to consider allocating funding to TSB from other elements of the NHB, to enable delivery of its project. This could be repaid as/when income destined for the NHB for Towcester is received.



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Cllr Johns proposed that the TC gives its support to the application from Towcester Studio Band and requests that SNC Grants Panel consider allocating funding from other elements of the NHB which will be repaid as/when income destined for the NHB for Towcester is received; seconded by Cllr Lynch; all in favour

8. Aon Insurancea) Notification of renewal premium effective from 1st June 2016

Correspondence from Aon confirms the renewal price with effect from 1st June 2016 for the TC insurance is £8,237.10, inclusive of Insurance Premium Tax at 9.5%. Noted.

b) Increase to the level of the Town Council's Fidelity Guarantee Insurance

The Clerk confirmed that the S106 funds for purchase of the former Library building were paid over to the TC on 31st March. This has significantly increased the balance held in the TC accounts and, once again, raises the issue of the TC level of Fidelity Guarantee Insurance (FGI). The Clerk suggested she makes enquiries with regards to increasing the TC level of FGI. The increased premium is likely to be substantial but the legal process to complete the purchase of the former Library is taking longer than anticipated. Members of the committee agreed to review progress at the next meeting before making a decision.

9. National Savings & Investments

The Clerk referred to correspondence from National Savings & Investments which confirms that the interest paid on the TC investment accounts will decrease with effect from 1st July 2016 from 0.75% gross/AER to 0.45% gross/AER. Noted.

10. Street Naming – Wood Burcote Phase 1

The Clerk confirmed the names submitted to SNC for Wood Burcote Phase 1, as follows:-

Road 1	Stowe Gardens
Road 2	Pound Close
Road 3	Drayson Way
Road 4	Redhouse Drive
Road 5	Barn Close
Road 6	Temple Close
Road 7	Earls Farm Way
Road 8	Cherry Orchard Lane

Correspondence from SNC Building Control confirms the name 'Stowe Gardens' is not acceptable as it's likely to cause confusion with Stowe Landscape Gardens. The committee agreed to submit the replacement name 'Samuel Sharpe Street' to correspond with the original theme.

11. The Town Council Business Plan

The Clerk gave an update on each item in the business plan:-

Short Term Objectives

- Install controlled school crossings on Vernon Road / Buckingham Way
The Clerk reported that Speedwatch would be holding sessions at Buckingham Way and Swinneyford Road crossings during school hours in June and July.

Long Term Objectives

- Governance
The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Cllr McMurray, the newly elected Chairman of the Resources/Planning Committee.



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- Emergency Planning
The Clerk confirmed she has now received a reply from NCC Emergency Planning Officer, Joanne Maddams, who advised that she has no Emergency Plans specific to Towcester and suggested the TC contacts SNC. The Clerk is no further forward with ascertaining if there are any emergency plans in place for the town. The Committee agreed with Cllr Lofts' suggestion that the Clerk writes to the Chief Executive of SNC for further information.
- Policing
The Clerk confirmed that PCSO Charlotte Whitehead has agreed to arrange a meeting between the TC and Inspector Phil Kings once the Towcester SCT has received its briefing on service delivery from the recently elected Northamptonshire Police & Crime Commissioner.
- Transport
As requested, information on the Bus Services effective from April 2016 has been posted on the TC website.
- Economic Development
The Clerk confirmed she has received a response from SNC Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Cllr Stephen Clarke, which agrees to a meeting with the TC to discuss the economic development of Towcester and he will contact the Clerk in due course to arrange this.
- Health
Cllr Lofts recommended that the Clerk awaits the announcement of the new SNC Cabinet to arrange a meeting with the SNC Portfolio Holder for Health.



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