

**RESOURCES / PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015**

Present: Cllr D. Tarbun (Chairman), Cllr P. Allen, Cllr D. Bain, Cllr J. Burrows, Cllr R. Dallyn, Cllr J. Hart, Cllr M. Johns, Cllr C. Lofts, Cllr J. Lynch, Cllr J. Wilby

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies had been received by the Clerk.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lynch declared an interest in Item 5.

3. Open to the Public

No members of the public were present.

4. PLANNING

a) Decisions

The Planning Inspectorate

Correspondence confirms the decision of the Planning Inspectorate on the following appeal:-

Appeal Ref: APP/Z2830/W/15/3004442  
The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for a 20m by 40m equestrian riding arena at Plot 2, land at Hulcote, Easton Neston Park, Hulcote, Northamptonshire, NN12 7HU, in accordance with the terms of the application, Ref S/2014/2020/FUL, dated 8 October 2014, subject to conditions.

Permission for Development granted in respect of:-

S/2015/1194/FUL Variation of condition 5 (opening hours) S/2-13/1546/FUL (change of use from A1 (Retail) to a mixed A3/A5 (Restaurant/takeaway) use.) to open from 10.00am to 11.30pm Monday to Sunday (including bank/public holidays).  
At 109A Watling Street West, Towcester

S/2015/1257/FUL Construction of additional fence along eastern property boundary in rear garden  
At 17 Brick Kiln Close, Towcester


S/2015/1099/FUL Demolition of existing bungalow and construction of new vehicular access junction and part access road, balancing pond, temporary storage area and temporary access to Earls Farm  
At Land off Burcote Road, Towcester

Listed Building Consent granted in respect of:-

S/2015/1197/LBC Listed building consent to replace sash windows on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor front elevation  
At Tove House, 160 Watling Street East, Towcester

Notice of opportunity to attend Development Control Committee given in respect of:-

S/2015/1256/FUL Change of use and continued use of vacant land for a period of twelve months to be used as a temporary car park  
At Land adjoining Northampton Road, Moat Lane, Towcester

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The above application will be considered by the Development Control Committee which starts at 2.15pm on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015. This was noted by the committee.

b) Amendments

No amended applications had been received.

c) Applications

S/2015/1533/FUL      5 Burcote Road, Wood Burcote, Towcester  
New dwelling  
**No observations**

5. LICENSING ACT 2003

Premises licence variation for The Brave Old Oak, Towcester

The TC has received correspondence from SNC Licensing concerning the premises licence variation application for the Brave Old Oak. The application is to extend the hours for licensable activities on Fridays and Saturdays by 1 hour until 02:00am, with closure 30 minutes thereafter. The Chairman advised that the TC can only make representations on behalf of an interested party, as described in the correspondence. Cllr Lynch confirmed he would act as an interested party on his own behalf and that of other residents in Park Street. Cllr Lofts had researched the licences held by other premises in the town centre and found the Saracens Head and the Pickled Pig already hold this licence so it will be difficult for SNC to refuse the application. He said, if the application is approved, it could have a noise limitation condition attached to it which could be reviewed at a later date. Cllr Wilby suggested that the TC support Cllr Lynch's objection to the licence application, and recommend that rationality is applied in respect of disturbance to residents in the immediate vicinity of the premises.

Proposal

Cllr Dallyn proposed to support Cllr Lynch's objection to the premises licence variation application for the Brave Old Oak;  
seconded by Cllr Allen; all in favour

6. The Town Council & Social Media


Cllr Walsh had requested that the TC explore the possibility of entering into social media, i.e. setting up a Facebook page/Twitter account and the Chairman asked committee members for their thoughts. Cllr Hart questioned what social media could give in terms of communication that the TC doesn't already have, and also asked how much impact management of this would have on the Clerk and Assistant Clerk's time. Cllr Tarbun questioned what would be broadcast and thought it unnecessary to duplicate the advertisement of events as these are already well advertised. Cllr Allen said that SNC's social media profiles appear to be very censored, and pointed out that as a much larger organisation, SNC have the staff available to manage such projects. Cllr Tarbun feels that social media is something the TC should look into for the future but currently doesn't have enough staff to manage it. Cllr Allen suggested that, as there are currently two active community groups with a Facebook page within the town, the TC should devise a system whereby the Clerk, Clerk's Assistant or Town Mayor can respond informatively if something is brought to their attention.

Proposal

Cllr Lofts proposed for there to be no direct presence on social media from the TC, but for posts on community groups to be monitored;  
seconded by Cllr Allen; all in favour

Proposal

Cllr Allen proposed that Town Council members adhere to the local government social media guidelines as previously circulated, and that the TC periodically review its own policy;  
seconded by Cllr Bain; all in favour

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7. Finance

a) Cheques Issued List

The Clerk's Assistant distributed copies of the Cheques Issued List (cheque numbers 010888 to 010935). Most items were ongoing; the following cheque numbers were highlighted:-


- 010892 / £78.00 to Northants CALC – Training – Off to a Flying Start, Cllr Sant, Cllr Burrows
- 010896 / £392.00 to 247 UK Maintenance – Erection of Town Centre Flags – reimbursed by Towcester Business Club
- 010899 / £68.00 to Northants CALC – Training – Planning Nuts & Bolts, Cllr Burrows, Cllr Dallyn
- 010903 / £4,622.00 to 247 UK Maintenance – Erection of town centre window boxes
- 010904 / £39.00 to Northants CALC – Training – Off to a Flying Start, Cllr Dallyn
- 010912 / £55.00 to 247 UK Maintenance – Callout to repair town centre flag – reimbursed by Towcester Business Club
- 010928 / £39.00 to Northants CALC – Training – Chairmanship, Cllr Conquest

b) Internet Payments List

A copy of the Internet Payments List, detailing the salary/pension payments for July 2015 was distributed to each committee member. There was an additional payment to Dianne Isaacs in respect of consultancy fees for the months of May & June 2015.

Proposal

Cllr Johns proposed that the Cheques Issued List and Internet Payments List be signed by the Chairman and R.F.O.;  
seconded by Cllr Lynch; all in favour

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