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Minutes of the meeting of Workington Town Council Planning Committee held on Monday 2 July 2018 at 6pm in the Town Hall, Workington

M Rollo (Chair)	Present
L Baldry	Present
A Bales	Present
H Harrington	Present
M Heaslip	Present
J Holliday	Present
P McHarry	Present
B Reville	Present
M Suddart	Present
J Wright	Present
D Rollo (deputy Mayor)	Present

In attendance: Town Clerk, Mr S Sharp (Allerdale Borough Council) (to item 5)

P18.8 Apologies

No apologies were submitted.

P18.9 Declarations of Interest

The chair observed that he was a director of Workington Reds, though this interest was not pecuniary (item 6).

P18.10 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

No issues were raised.

P18.11 Minutes of the last meeting

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting on 4 June 2018 and affirmed them as a true record. It was requested that the minutes concerning tree preservation orders be expanded slightly to capture more of the debate and Clerk agreed this should be possible in future.

P18.12. Planning and Implementation Manager

The Chair welcomed Simon Sharp, the new Planning and Implementation Manager at Allerdale Borough Council. Mr Sharpe gave a brief presentation on his new role and then took questions from members of the committee. These concentrated on the importance of adequate traffic surveys, the need for better enforcement, for instance around play areas and other s106 items (a crossing in Harrington was highlighted). In future Planning Officers would be responsible throughout the lifecycle of a planning application, so follow through on enforcement of conditions would not be removed from the initial process.

The Chair thanked Mr Sharp for his contribution, and asked that he show forbearance with the council when they ask about apparent inconsistencies in application outcomes.

18.13. Planning Applications

The Committee received planning applications from Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria County Council as follows:.

1) HOU/2018/0134	Ms Natalie Mitchell 66 Windsor Drive Westfield Workington	Proposed rear single story extension, new access ramp to front door, dropped kerb and driveway access.	<u>No objections</u>
2) CAT/2018/0020	Mr Ricki Crawford Cumbria County Council Portland Square, Workington	Section 211 Town & County Planning Act 1990, to carry out works to trees in a conservation area. Re-pollarding trees on marked plan.	<u>No objections</u> , though the Committee wondered whether compliance could be achieved in some other way. It also expressed the hope that the 'butchery' approach of previous years was avoided.
3) 2/2018/0267	Mandale Homes Proposed housing development Ashfield Road South, Workington	Application for non-compliance with Condition 1 of 2/2017/0600 relating to change in materials.	The Committee retains its objections based on the lack of commitment to a credible SUDS plan for the site, and the lack of play facilities, though it welcomed the other changes and had no objection to the changes in house style.
4) 2/2018/0259	Mrs J Hampson St Gregory's RC School Furness Road Workington	Extensions and alterations to building including window and door openings to create access to sheltered play areas and extension of conservatory to form classroom.	<u>No objections</u>
5) 2/2018/0262	Ms Bethany Sullivan 1 South William Street Workington	Change of use from A1 (retail) to A2 (hair and beauty salon) use.	<u>No objections</u>
6) 2/2018/0280	Mr Don Blackwell	Advertisement consent	<u>No objections</u>

	Borough Park, New Bridge Road Workington	for 4 non illuminated fascia signs	
7) HOU/2018/0144	Mr Duncan 34 Elizabeth Street Workington	Replacement of 4 timber windows with new white iPVC sliding sash windows to front elevation	It was unclear from the information provided whether the proposed windows were to be of a 'heritage compliant' style. If they are, then the council would have no objections. If not then the council would recommend refusal.
8) 2/2018/0265	Mr S Bell 2-6 Upper Jane Street Workington	Change of use for Upper Jane St and Workington from offices to restaurant and public house	<u>No objections</u> , though there was some concern about ensuring there was adequate toilet provision.
9) HOU/2018/0148	4 The Meadows High Harrington Workington	Garage conversion, new bay window at ground level and second storey extension	The committee did not like a proposal for removing a parking space and adding one to an otherwise grassed area, whilst also increasing the likelihood of additional traffic. This alters the SUDS plan for the development and would set a regrettable precedent. The plan, so recently approved for the street design, should be respected. <u>Recommend refusal.</u>

The meeting closed at 19:00.