

PRESENT: Cllr Morrison (Chair), Cllrs Dargue, Lewis & Weir together with Administrative Assistant Vicki Smith.

No members of the Public were present.

APOLOGIES: Cllr K Cassidy and Cllr P Robinson submitted apologies for the meeting which were accepted and it was noted that Cllrs Watson, Arkless and Hinson are not members of the Planning Committee.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

2. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No members of the public were present.

3.0 COMMUNICATIONS:

3.1 S106 Agreements

Discussion took place around the planning protocols document and the verbal agreement at the planning training session that T&PCs would be consulted on S106 agreements within planning applications where appropriate to their area. Having reviewed the proposed planning protocols there is no mention of consultation with T&PC in the initial stages. Amble Town Council feel very strongly that they should be consulted on large/controversial applications that may have an impact on Amble's infrastructure. **ACTION:** Cllr Dargue in agreement with Cllr Morrison to draft a letter to Mark Ketley, Senior Manager Development & Delivery around the consultation processes. VS to send this letter and send courtesy copies to Grant Davey-NCC Leader, Anne-Marie Trevelyan, MP and David Francis, NALC.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

To consider the following planning applications:

4.1: 16/00132/FUL – Proposal to build 8 beach huts

Whilst it was agreed that there was no objection from Amble Town Council, the following concerns were highlighted.

- The huts must not be unsightly and should be in pastel type colours in keeping with the surrounding conservation area
- There will be an increase in litter volumes and extra provision should be provided for this, in the same style as other litter bins in the area. The applicant must ensure regular litter picking in the vicinity of the development and emptying of the bins.
- The structures must be regularly maintained; the huts will be open to the elements and they must not be left to degrade.
- What level of security will be put in place and what will that be as there is a risk of vandalism and anti-social behaviour ?
- Materials must be robust and the huts be anchored to the ground as this is an extremely exposed area. Similarly careful construction will be needed in fixing the roof.
- No cooking of food indoors due to fire risk, no barbecues or outdoor cooking to be permitted.
- A fire and rescue service assessment should be conducted
- Public protection assessment should be conducted

- Strictly no overnight use
- Parking - No parking on grassed areas.

4.2: 15/04341/FUL – Proposed reconfiguration of 1 Scott Street including 2 storey rear extension to form kitchen/dining area with bedrooms above and demolition of existing rear extension.

This planning application was considered prior to the meeting due to the deadline. No objection was submitted from Amble Town Council

4.3: 16/00022/FUL – 11 Leslie Drive, proposed 1st floor extension over existing ground floor bedroom.

This planning application was considered prior to the meeting due to the deadline. No objection was submitted from Amble Town Council

4.4: 16/00032/PREAPP West Cemetery, West Avenue – This was noted for information only as the Council are the applicant.

4.5: 16/00196/FUL: 35 Church Street, alterations to form 2no. Two bedroom houses from a single house.

There are no objections from Amble Town Council. Amble Town Council welcome the addition of smaller dwellings.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

5. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held when required.