

PONTELAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 11th October 2022

Present: Councillors Mrs K Woodrow (in the Chair), Mrs K Overbury, Mr A Hall and Mr A Varley

1. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A list of planning applications received since the previous Committee meeting had been circulated

1.1 **Application No:** 22/03269/FUL

Location: 31 Eland Edge Ponteland Northumberland NE20 9AY

Proposal: Two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extension

Councillor A Varley declared an interest on this application and took no part in discussions.

Comment: The Committee note the comments from Highways and they ask the Planning Department to take the neighbours comments into account.

1.2 **Application No:** 22/03269/FUL

Location: 3 Main Street Ponteland Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland NE20 9NH

Proposal: Advertisement Consent for installation of 1no. fascia sign

Comment: The Planning Committee object to this proposal as it is contrary to the PNP Policy 7: Heritage Assets and Advertisements affecting heritage assets and their settings will only be supported where their size, scale, proportions design colour, position, number, materials and illumination do not detract, either individually or cumulatively, from the significance of the heritage asset or its setting. The Committee concede that the size of the business advertisement in the above application is within that which is allowed in the conservation area.

Furthermore, guidance for advertisements and heritage assets point 4.30 of the PNP, states the following: - a) Suitably designed illuminated signage will be permitted where such signs advertise goods or services available to the public within evening hours. Members do not believe that this application fits the criteria for evening illumination within the Conservation Area.

1.3 **Application No:** 22/03347/FUL

Location: Land East of Prospect Farm, The Avenue Medburn Northumberland

Proposal: Proposed 2No detached residential properties

Comment: The Committee support the concerns of NCC regarding the drainage on site. They also note that there appears to be a structure already on site with no previous permission granted.

1.4 **Application No:** 22/03386/FUL

Location: Land North of Aldersyde, The Avenue Medburn Northumberland

Proposal: Construction of new detached property

Comment: The Committee have no objection to the application. They ask the Planning Department to take the neighbours comments into account.

1.5 **Application No:** 22/03317/FUL

Location: 51 North Road Ponteland Newcastle Upon Tyne Northumberland NE20 9UN

Proposal: Proposed loft extension (new dormer at rear & new Velux windows at front). Proposed single storey ground floor extension at rear. Proposed porch extension at front. Proposed single storey garage extension at side gable. Proposed window replacements. Proposed alterations to existing rear garage. Erection of new fence on Northern rear boundary

Comment: The Committee supports this development and welcome the proposed improvements, especially for the neighbouring properties.

1.6 Application No: 22/03402/VARCCD

Location: Old Ponteland Leisure Centre Callerton Lane Ponteland Northumberland NE20 9EG
Proposal: Variation of Condition 22 (Trees and Hedgerows) pursuant to planning permission 17/03729/CCD to allow removal of trees subject to ecological reports and aboricultural assessments

Councillor A Varley declared an interest on this application and took no part in discussions.

Comment: The planning committee support this application. The result will provide an excellent amenity for the Rugby and Football teams in Ponteland. It will enable the teams to qualify for higher leagues, therefore attracting residents to remain with their local teams rather than travel to teams with better facilities and prospects. It will ensure the continuity of our sporting provisions in Ponteland.

However, Ponteland Town Council Planning Committee are concerned about the loss of the 16 trees in this area and would like a condition in place that all 16 trees be replaced one for one within the site area.

The Committee made no comments about the other 7 applications considered.

2. DECISIONS: APPLICATIONS AND APPEALS; WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

New Premises Licence Application - Gills Fish and Chips, Merton Way, Ponteland

The Committee asked staff to compile a draft response which would be circulated to members for consideration. A response would be submitted to NCC Licensing by the deadline date of 24 October.

Agricultural Building Medburn

The Committee are awaiting an update from the Planning Enforcement Team on the situation regarding the construction of an agricultural building on Land South of Holmfield, Medburn. The Planning Enforcement Officer has confirmed that a Planning Contravention Notice (PCN) has been served in respect of the land, requiring information in relation to the agricultural business being run and requiring justification for the building works. This expired on 14th September, and the committee are now awaiting details of what action is to be taken.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 25th October 2022