

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2017**

PRESENT –

Councillor M. Ammer (Chairman - in the Chair)

Councillors

Co-optees

*G. Adam
N. Ahmed
W. Blackburn
T. Cooney
E. Ansar
J. Henderson
M. Iqbal
A. Mahmood
B. Parker
M. Sakib
K. Shore
S. Wicks
N. Younis*

N. Emery – Nelson Town Centre Partnership

(Apologies were received from Councillor D. Whalley)

Officers in attendance:

<i>Julie Whittaker</i>	<i>Housing, Health and Economic Regeneration Manager and Area Co-ordinator</i>
<i>Kathryn Hughes</i>	<i>Principle Development Management Officer</i>
<i>Sarah Waterworth</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>



The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated:

<i>Mrs Shepherd Susan Green Stephen Green June Routledge Eric Routledge Umar Faruque Mr Majeed</i>	<i>16/0737/HHO Full: Erection of two storey side extension and first floor extension above porch(re-submission) at 21 Hollins Road, Nelson</i>	<i>Minute No. 126(a)</i>
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122. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the Declaration of Interests.

The following person declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the items indicated –

Councillor M. Sakib	Environmental Crime	Minute No. 130
Councillor N. Younis		

123. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. D. Foster, Cloverhill Residents Group complained about the traffic problems by Schofield Mill, Brunswick Street, Nelson. Employees from the mill were parking on the road side along with residents in the area. Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV's) that were delivering to the mill were getting stuck and were unable to turn into the mill, sometimes causing residents to get blocked in and unable to move their vehicles. It was also reported that the gates of the two carparks at Marsden Mill were always locked. Mr Foster felt that the company had an insufficient, if any Transport Plan or Safety Policy for transport and staff parking and asked that the Health and Safety Executive be requested to investigate the matter.

The Chairman explained that County Councillor A. Ali and Councillor E. Ansar were in the process of meeting with the company about other issues residents had raised in that area and if Mr Foster wanted to pass on his details to them and the issues the residents group had they would also be addressed.

124. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of this Committee at the meeting held on 9th January, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

125. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on action arising from the meeting of this Committee held 9th January, 2017 was submitted for information.

126. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report on planning applications to be determined as follows:-

16/0721/ADV Advert Consent: Erection of 2 illuminated fascia signs and 1 illuminated projecting sign (retrospective) at 68-70 Manchester Road, Nelson for Mr M. Naeem.

A site visits was carried out prior to the meeting.

Before the vote was taken the Principal Development Management Officer advised that should the application be approved this was a significant departure from policy the matter would be referred to the Legal Services Manager and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That planning permission be **approved**

16/0724HHO Full: Erection of dormer to front slope and single extension to the rear at 239 Railway Street, Nelson for Mr R M Asif.

RESOLVED

That the application be **deferred** for a site visit.

16/0737/HHO Full: erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and first floor extension above porch (re-submission) at 21 Hollins Road, Nelson for Mr Majeed.

The Principal Development Management Officer submitted an update to the meeting as amended plans had been received and it was reported that based on the changes the recommendation been changed to approval subject to conditions relating to 3 year period, plans, material and no additional openings being attached to any grant of permission.

Before the vote was taken the Principal Development Management Officer advised that should the application be refused this was a significant risk of costs the matter would be referred to the Legal Services Manager and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Development Management Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That planning permission be **refused** for the following reasons:-

1. Over development and impact on amenity

(b) Planning Appeals

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported, for information, that there were no new appeals or appeal decisions and one outstanding appeal:-

16/0396/FUL Appeal against refusal of planning permission for Sub-division of existing retails (A1) unit at ground floor level to create retail unit and café/restaurant (A3), with alterations to shop front and installation of flue to rear roof slope at 115 Manchester Road, Nelson. BB9 7HB.

127.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Neighbourhood Services Manager submitted a report regarding the committee's capital programme for 2016/17.

The following late bid was submitted to the meeting:-

Replacement trees at The Rope Walk, Nelson £2,628.56

RESOLVED

- (1) That the schemes listed in Appendix 1 of the report that have agreed funding be noted.
- (2) That the uncommitted balance of £706 from the capital programme for 2015/16 be transferred to the 2016/17 capital programme
- (3) That the Following Bids be allocated from the 2016/17 Capital programme

Walverden Park Drainage Improvement Works	£2,200
Street Lighting at Rook Street, Nelson	£2,781

REASON

To enable the capital programme to be allocated efficiently and effectively.

128.

LOCAL PLAN PART 2

It was reported that at the Executive on 17th November, 2016 Members were informed of the progress on the preparation of the Pendle Local Plan Part 2. It was agreed, that a cross-party Working Group be established to consider the strategic development of the plan. The first meeting of this group has now been held with the key issues and timetable for the preparation of the plan being discussed.

Also, at the Executive, a draft report setting out the scope of the plan (i.e., the issues and policies it would cover – including the amount of housing to be developed in each settlement) and a methodology for the assessment of sites was presented, together with a report on the Green Belt Assessment. It was agreed that these documents would form part of a public consultation. Since the Executive an additional document, the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report, has been drafted and will also form part of the consultation.

Members should note that the public consultation on these documents and an additional call for sites would begin in mid-February (dates to be confirmed) and would run for a period of six weeks. This consultation would provide the community and other interested parties with an opportunity to comment on, and shape the direction of, the Local Plan Part 2.

129. BRIEFING NOTE ON GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted, for information, a report on proposed changes to the Planning System that the Government had indicated they intended to implement.

The full ramifications of the changes would not be known until the legislation was published. It was, however, likely that the changes would alter how planning applications were determined, what could be required of applicant's before the application was registered,

how Committees could add certain conditions if they did not agree with the recommendations and could also lead to a greater number of refusals.

(Councillors M. Sakib and N. Younis declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and withdrew from the meeting)

130. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME UPDATE

The Environmental Services Manager submitted, for information, a report regarding Environmental Crime action from 1st October to 31st December 2016 in the Nelson area.

RESOLVED

That with regards to the Community Protection Notice, the Neighbourhood Services Manager be requested to provide Councillors with details of where the vehicle repair garages were that were listed on page 14 of the report.

REASON

To inform members of which wards the garages were located.

131. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Untidy land and vacant depot on Walton Lane, Nelson.

Councillor T. Cooney made reference to the vacant depot that was becoming untidy and attracting anti-social behaviour. The company that owned the depot were none responsive regarding these matters. Councillor Cooney asked what action could be taken

The Principal Development Management Officer explained that several complaints had been received regarding the state of the depot and that various action had been taken. The issue would be raised with Building Control to see if any further action could be taken and Councillor Cooney would be informed.

(b) Residents parking Albert Street, Nelson

Councillor N. Ahmed had been approached by residents of Albert Street, Nelson requesting resident's only parking. He explained that this had previously been looked at and at the time there was little response from residents in favour of the introduction of a scheme, but residents have now asked or the scheme to be introduced.

RESOLVED

That the Neighbourhood Services Manager be requested to undertake a survey of Albert Street, Nelson.

132. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

(a) Condition of Back West Street, Nelson

Chairman: _____