

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NELSON COMMITTEE
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS
ON 4th JANUARY, 2021**

PRESENT –

Councillor M. Sakib (Chairman – in the Chair)

Councillors

*N. Ahmed
Z. Ali
M. Ammer
M. Aslam
M. Iqbal
N. McGowan
A. Mahmood
K. Shore
Y. Tennant
S. Wicks*

Co-optees

N. Emery (Nelson Town Centre Partnership)

Police

PCSO Holly-May Pinder

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Adam and J. Henderson).

Officers in attendance:

<i>Julie Whittaker</i>	<i>Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager (Area Co-ordinator)</i>
<i>Alex Cameron</i>	<i>Planning Officer</i>
<i>Jane Watson</i>	<i>Head of Democratic Services</i>

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The following people attended the meeting and spoke on the following items:

<i>Sajjad Shah</i>	<i>20/0679/HHO Full: Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension and two storey rear extension, including basement level beneath at 26 Lancaster Gate, Nelson</i>	<i>Minute No. 92(a)</i>
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87. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

Councillor M. Sakib declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 20/0765/HHO Full: Erection of dormer to front roof slope at 28 Newport Street, Nelson.

88. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

89. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th November, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

90. PROGRESS REPORT

A progress report on actions arising from the last meeting was submitted for information.

91. POLICE ISSUES

PCSO Pinder provided crime figures for the months of November and December, 2020 and for the period December 2019 to December 2020. Going forward crime figures would be emailed out to the Committee prior to the meeting.

Overall all crime was down but there was a significant issue with the number of reported anti-social behaviour incidents. There had also been a number of COVID related incidents reported particularly with regards to large gatherings outside and house parties. It was anticipated that these incidents might reduce if the Government introduced a tighter lockdown.

Reference was made to incidents of theft of car parts in the Carr Road area as well as an incident relating to damage to cars/vehicles on Napier Street. PCSO Pinder said an update on progress would be emailed to the Committee.

Concerns were raised, again, of speeding vehicles on Chapelhouse Road between Brunswick Street and Halifax Road. The Police were aware of this problem and it was explained that due to the narrowness of the road it would not be considered safe to use a mobile speed device. However, PCSO Pinder said she would arrange for a risk assessment to be carried out to establish this. She also said anyone with any video evidence or registration numbers of speeding vehicles should report these to the Police.

92. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Applications to be determined

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report on planning applications to be determined as follows:-

20/0645/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension and dormer to the front roofslope at 165 Chapel House Road, Nelson for Mr. Amer Ahmed

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject appropriate conditions and reasons.

20/0679/HHO Full: Demolition of existing single storey garage and erection of two storey side extension and two storey rear extension, including a basement level beneath at 26 Lancaster Gate, Nelson for Mr. S. Shah

RESOLVED

That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be granted **delegated authority**, in consultation with the Chairman, to approve the application subject to the receipt of amended plans.

20/0681/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension at 55 Camden Street, Nelson for Mr. Afzal

(Before the vote was taken, the Planning Officer advised that a decision to approve the application represented a significant departure from policy. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Policy and Resources Committee).

RECOMMENDATION

That Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to **grant** planning permission subject to appropriate conditions and reasons.

20/0740/HHO Full: Erection of a single storey rear extension at 35 Percy Street, Nelson for Mrs. Kunval Ali

(Before the vote was taken, the Planning Officer advised that a decision to approve the application represented a significant departure from policy. The matter would therefore be referred to the Head of Legal Services and subject to his agreement the decision would stand referred to the Policy and Resources Committee).

RECOMMENDATION

That Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to **grant** planning permission subject to appropriate conditions and reasons.

(Councillor M. Sakib declared a prejudicial interest in the following item and withdrew from the meeting during discussion of this item).

Councillor M. Iqbal (Chairman in the Chair)

20/0765/HHO Full: Erection of dormer to front roof slope at 28 Newport Street, Nelson For Mr. Nawaz

RESOLVED

That planning permission be **granted** subject to appropriate conditions and reasons.

Councillor M. Sakib (Chairman in the Chair)

(b) Appeals

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted, for information, a report on planning appeals.

93. ENFORCEMENT/UNAUTHORISED USES

Update on Enforcement Matters

The Head of Legal Services submitted an update on enforcement matters.

An update on the enforcement case for Spring Bank Buildings was given.

94. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2020/21

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager reported that the Committee's Capital Programme balance for 2020/21 was £1.

A full report would be submitted to the next meeting.

95. 48-74 HOLLY STREET, NELSON – RESIDENT'S ONLY PARKING SCHEME

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report following the results of a questionnaire from residents of Holly Street, Nelson.

Although there was a strength of feeling from the residents to introduce a residents-only parking scheme, the traffic study did not indicate that there was an issue with non-residential parking.

RESOLVED

- (1) That due to the results of the traffic survey providing no evidence to support the introduction of a scheme, a scheme not be introduced on Holly Street, Nelson at this time.
- (2) That resolution (1) above be reviewed once further information regarding the enforcement of the school zigzags has been provided by Lancashire County Council.

REASON

- (1) ***The traffic survey results did not provide evidence to support the introduction of a scheme.***
- (2) ***To take into consideration any future parking habits on Holly Street, Nelson.***

96. RE-OPENING OF THE HIGH STREET

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted an update on the Covid funding for the re-opening of Nelson Town Centre and sought approval for a Nelson Town Centre campaign in the New Year.

A local company, Safe Sanitisation, were providing two hand sanitiser units on a two week trial to establish the robustness of the units. If successful more would be ordered otherwise an alternative supplier would be sourced. Banners with safety messages had arrived which Lancashire County Council would put up shortly.

The report proposed that the “We Love Nelson” campaign proceed in the New Year (as detailed in the appendix attached to the report). However, now that Pendle and Lancashire had moved to Tier 4, with the possibility of even tighter restrictions i.e., a full lockdown, it was suggested that the proposals in the report be implemented once restrictions had eased.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the “We Love Nelson” campaign be agreed but not implemented until local COVID restrictions had eased.
- (3) That a meeting of the Re-opening of the Town Centre Sub-Committee be arranged as soon as possible to discuss the implications of the most recent restrictions and the deadline for spend of the ERDF fund.

REASONS

- (1) *To keep the Committee up-to-date.*
- (2) *To attract more people back to shopping in Nelson Town Centre.*

97. PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES IN NELSON TOWN CENTRE

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report on options for improving public toilet provision in the Town Centre. Concerns had been raised at the last meeting about the lack of these facilities.

A Scrutiny Review in 2010 had resulted in the closure of the toilets on Market Street but retaining the toilets in the Market Hall. Under the Transfer of Services and Facilities to Town and Parish Councils programme it was implicit that Pendle Council would itself no longer provide and operate public toilets.

It was noted that any new toilet provision was likely to involve capital and revenue costs, unless any existing town centre occupiers were prepared to allow non-customers to use their facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

That Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to repurchase and refurbish the toilets on Market Street, Nelson using the Nelson Town Deal funding and that the management and maintenance of the facility be transferred to the Nelson Town Council.

REASON

To provide a much needed facility in the town centre.

98. ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

It was reported that there were no existing Environmental Blight sites and now new sites had been put forward.

99. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Carr Road, Nelson – blocked drain/surface water

It was reported that this issue had been reported to Lancashire County Council on a number of occasions but had not been addressed. This was a particular concern as it was in an area where parents and school children crossed the road on their way to school.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to raise this with the County Council.

REASON

In the interests of public safety.

(b) Carr Road and Pendle Street, Nelson – dangerous parking

It was reported that vehicles were being parked causing problems for other drivers and pedestrians on Carr Road, Pendle Street and Howard Street, Nelson. It was acknowledged that this was probably an issue for both the Police and the County Council.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to refer this to the County's Traffic Liaison meeting and the Police.

REASON

In the interests of public safety.

(c) Lime Street, Nelson – collapsing/dangerous street

Concerns were raised that part of Lime Street, Nelson was collapsing and in a dangerous state and had been like this for some time. Again this issue had already been reported to the County Council but had not been addressed.

RESOLVED

That the Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager be asked to raise this with the County Council.

REASON

In the interests of public safety.

Chairman _____