

# MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes for the meeting to be held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.00pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.

In attendance:            Cllr G Jones  
                                  Cllr L Durham  
                                  Cllr B Dooley  
                                  Cllr P Bolton  
                                  Cllr A Harewood

Also present was Cllr J Jackson, Tom Evans (Cheshire East Neighbourhood Development Plans) and Pete Turner

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests in relation to any item on the agenda.

Cllr P Bolton Declared a non-pecuniary interest in applications associated with Civicance.

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The Chairman of the meeting will adjourn the meeting to allow questions from members of the public.

After the questions, the Chairman will reconvene the Planning Committee Meeting.

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### **3. MINUTES OF THE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Resolved:**        The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

#### 4. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Mr Tom Evans answered questions from the committee and gave the following insights:

Potential grant support of £21,000 (£7,000 CEC, £8,000 Central Government, £6,000 central Government (applicable for communities registered as having multiple deprivations))

Comparable example of cost would Winsford, which is believed to have cost in excess of £80,000. Some clarification is required on this.

The value of having a NDP is it creates community engagement opportunities, acts as a catalyst for community groups and activities, It levers in additional funding via Section 106 (25% of income goes to the Town Council when NDP is complete).

A NDP will also enable a local council to inform and set planning policies distinct to the area's requirements.

The Referendum associated with the NDP is carried out and delivered by CEC

The statutory power of a NDP is based on the value of the evidence that supports it. If the NDP is well evidenced and its policies well reasoned, it will carry a lot of weight.

The cost of the NDP, over and above any grant income must be borne by the Town Council. CEC will offer officer support where possible.

A realistic timescale for delivery would be 2 years.

A NDP helps clarify the town's identity, in terms of development style, as well as designating land for development.

The negatives are that a NDP is hard work, costly and risks community fissure.

**Resolved:** That the Planning Committee discuss the development of a Neighbourhood development Plan for Macclesfield at its next meeting.

## 5. OBSERVATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To be with Cheshire East by 30/09/15 (CE advised of late response)

Application No: 15/2819M

No Objections

To be with Cheshire East by 09/10/15 (CE advised of late response)

Application No: 14/5316M

No Objections

To be with Cheshire East by 13/10/15 (CE advised of late response)

Application No: 15/4200M

No Objections

To be with Cheshire East by 19/10/15 (CE advised of late response)

Application No: 15/4382M

No Objections

To be with Cheshire East by 20/10/15

Application No: 15/4400M

No Objections

To be with Cheshire East by 21/10/15

Application No: 15/4411M

No Objections

To be with Cheshire East by 22/10/15

Application No: 14/0282M

**Resolved:** No Objections, although it should be a requirement that the developers are mindful of the surrounding residents and communities in terms of noise and traffic disturbances.

To be with Cheshire East by 27/10/15

Application No: 15/4488M  
No Objections

To be with Cheshire East by 28/10/15

Application No: 15/4566M  
No Objections

Application No: 15/4077M and 15/4078M

**Resolved:** No Objections, but the committee welcomes the development of quality town centre living accommodation.

Application No: 15/4446M  
Withdrawn

To be with Cheshire East by 29/10/15

Application No: 15/4312M  
No Objections

Application No: 15/4337M

**Resolved:** That the Conservation Officer is best placed to inform this decision

Application No: 15/4578M  
No Objections

Application No: 15/4549M  
No Objections

To be with Cheshire East by 12/11/15

Application No: 15/3912M

No Objections

**6. OBSERVATIONS ON ROAD PARKING**

To be with Cheshire East by 20/10/15

Application No: C1519MAC974

No Objections

**7. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Planning Committee meeting will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7pm at Macclesfield Town Hall.