

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT THE STRUTT COMMUNITY CENTRE, DERBY ROAD, BELPER**

**PRESENT** Councillors Harris (In the Chair), Dwyer, Kennedy, Mallett, Watson, co-opted members G Jones and W Mitchell

**IN ATTENDANCE** Emma Smith (Town Clerk) Katy Heath (Assistant Town Clerk) and 2 members of the public

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- PC/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
H Jackson apologies received- holiday.
- PC/25 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**  
Move agenda item 9b after item 6.
- PC/26 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**  
None
- PC/27 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**  
None
- PC/28 RECORDING AND FILMING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
None
- PC/29 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
Two members of staff from Vaillant attended the meeting to inform the Committee about the merits of renewable heat sources. Renewable solutions such as air source heat pumps are one of the most economical and eco-friendly heating solutions on the market and help homeowners not only to reduce their carbon footprint, but to significantly reduce their heating bills. The Planning Committee is passionate about promoting Sustainable Energy in line with the Council's Neighbourhood Plan and welcomes the information provided from Vaillant, as this will help when encouraging more eco-friendly options on development and planning applications.
- PC/30 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING ON 6 JULY 2021**  
**RESOLVED** Committee approved the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6 July 2021.
- PC/31 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
**RECOMMEND** to Full Council the following comments on planning applications circulated:
- AVA/2021/0669- Variation of conditions 2,4,5,7,8 and 10 of AVA/2019/1130 for amended layout, amended opening hours, details of windows and railings, details of air conditioning units, extractor fan system and ventilation dormer finish (This may affect the setting of a Conservation Area). Blu 7 Ltd, The 1924, Campbell Street, Belper Derbyshire DE56 1AP.**
- The Planning Committee note their support of new development, employment and tourism opportunities within the Town, but suggest

contact should be made with neighbours regarding business delivery times and potential access issues on Campbell Street.

**AVA/2021/0841 – Change of use of former nightclub to 9no. retail units and 1no. café. Provision of new ancillary storage and meeting room to the first floor. Change of use of existing storage space into offices (this may affect the setting of the Conservation Area). The Corn Exchange, Unit 1, 8 King Street, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 1PS.**

The Planning Committee support the application but note there may be parking concerns that need to be addressed and advise that this would be a good spot for access via public transport.

**AVA/2021/0758- Change of use of garage building to dwelling. Land west of Broadholme Lane, Belper, Derbyshire.**

The Committee note that a similar application for this land was rejected previously and therefore do not support this application.

**AVA/2021/0945- Demolition of church schoolrooms and scout hut (This may affect the setting of a Listed Building and/or Conservation Area). 16 Chapel Street, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 1AR.**

Clerk to set up a meeting with the church to discuss plans.

**PC/32 PLANNING DECISIONS**  
**RESOLVED** Noted planning decisions.

**PC/33 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**  
a) Met with Helen Metcalfe on 1 September 2021  
**RESOLVED** Noted  
b) Vaillant attended Committee meeting this evening.  
**RESOLVED** Noted and thanked Vaillant for attending the meeting it was informative.  
c) Meeting with AVBC Tree Officer  
**RESOLVED** Cllr Kennedy to arrange a meeting with the AVBC Tree Officer on a Monday and bring information back to next Planning Committee meeting.

**PC/34 AMBER VALLEY LOCAL PLAN**  
**RESOLVED** Propose to take draft comments to Full Council meeting for approval. Clerk to contact 13 Parish Clerk's and notify them of Belper Town Council's response to Amber Valley Borough Council.

**PC/35 DISCUSS THE USE OF A PROFORMA IN RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE**  
Cllr Harris proposed the Committee consider whether a proforma could be used when reviewing planning applications.

**RESOLVED** Committee decided against a proforma preferring to keep current practice.

**PC/36**

**NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED** 5 October 2021 at 7pm. Venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed .....

Chairperson

Date 5 October 2021