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Planning and General Purposes Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall

Monday 8th September 2025 at 6.45pm

Present:

Cllr Curley
Cllr Connell
Cllr Davidson
Cllr Hilsden
Cllr Railton
Cllr Turnbull

Also in attendance:

Cllr Anderton
Cllr Chalmers
Cllr Smith
Town Clerk
Cllr Kemp
Cllr Rooke

P1/09/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Pape.

P2/09/25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

P3/09/25 Actions from the Previous Minutes

- **Brown Tourism Signs**

The Clerk has made some initial enquiries with Highways regarding installing better signs on the A66 focused on attracting visitors, in the interim measure until the A66 development is completed and new signs are erected.

- **J38/Tebay roundabout closure**

The scheme is still in the design phase and no firm construction delivery plan has been finalised. Tim Farron is working closely and actively campaigning with the communities who are going to be most affected by the proposed bridge works on the M6 during the 4 year period from 2027-31. A judicial review has also been called for to look at National Highways and Kier Construction's decision-making process in relation to the project, as well as demanding that the work be carried out without closing J38. A petition has also been setup to campaign to keep the junction open.

Action: It was agreed that the Clerk would write to both Tim Farron and Kirkby Stephen Council extending the Council's support to their campaign.

It was also agreed that nearer the time, we would need to ensure that clear appropriate signage for Appleby was in place during the works.

P4/09/25 Planning Applications

Under Westmorland and Furness Council's consultation process, to consider the following Planning Applications, plus any late arrivals, to prepare, under delegated authority, a response from Council:

2025/1330/DISC *(Decision received)* **Appleby Grammar School, CA16 6XU** Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 19 (Biodiversity Gain Deemed	2025/1550/DISC No comments **Appleby Grammar School, CA16 6XU** Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 7 (protected species), attached to approval 2025/0701/FPA.

Condition), attached to approval 2025/0701/FPA. *Applicant: Morgan Sindall and DfE*	*Applicant: Morgan Sindall and DfE*
2025/1504/TCA Comments below **Condensergapp, Bongate, CA16 6HW** Fell various trees in conservation area *Applicant: Mr Peter Wilkinson* The Council have concerns about the need to fell the large Cedar tree visible from Bongate.	2025/1312/TCA *(Decision received)* **Midland Hotel, 25 Clifford Street, CA16 6TS** Works to trees in conservation area - removal of Cherry tree (T1). Pruning of overhanging Willow tree (T2) branches to property line. *Applicant: Mrs Amie Bissland*
2025/1595/TCA No comments **28 Castle View Road, CA16 6HH** Reduction and crowning of two trees infringing on property *Applicant: Mr Nicholas Barnes*	2025/0944/FPA Withdrawn (see below) **Land off Roman Road, CA16 6XU** Installation of a gypsy stallion sculpture *Applicant: Drive 2 Survive CIC* As part of the land included within the boundary is currently un-registered, in accordance with the statutory requirements, the applicant will be required to complete and serve a Certificate D and carry out appropriate publicity to try to identify the landowner.

P5/09/25 Planning Decisions

Under Westmorland and Furness Council's consultation process, the following Planning Decisions were noted:

2025/0160/LBC Approved with Conditions **20 Chapel Street, CA16 6QR** Listed Building Consent for re-roofing including re-slating with retained slates; replacement of existing sand cement render with lime render lime wash to front, side elevations and internal. *Applicant: Mr Adam Brown*	2025/1015/DISC Discharge of Conditions **Appleby Grammar School, Battlebarrow, CA16 6XU** Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 5 CEMP, attached to Listed Building Consent 2024/1379/LBC. *Applicant: Morgan Sindall and DfE*
2025/1312/TCA Tree CA No Objection **Midland Hotel, 25 Clifford Street, CA16 6TS** S211 notification, works to trees in conservation area, comprising; removal of Cherry tree (T1). Pruning of overhanging Willow tree (T2) branches to property line. *Applicant: Mrs Amie Bissland*	2025/1131/HOU Approved with Conditions **Westways, Garth Heads Road, CA16 6UD** Proposed detached storage building. *Applicant: Mr and Mrs M Murphy*
2025/0510/LBC Approved with Conditions **The Grapes Inn, The Sands, CA16 6XR** Listed Building Consent for a pedestrian access gate and stepped path with handrail *Applicant: F.S. Potts & Son*	2025/1218/TCA Tree CA No Objection **21 Chapel Street, CA16 6QR** S211 notification, comprising; T1: Fell 1 no fruit tree and dig out stump due to impact on light to ground floor flat the form of the adjacent Acer. *Applicant: Ms Sheila Poole*

2025/1221/TCA Tree CA No Objection **Dalmore, Garth Heads Road, CA16 6UD** S211 notification, comprising; Norway Spruce [Picea abies]. Holly [Ilex]. Pruning of Overhanging branches to establish clearance to the property boundary and removing the potential for damage to the roof surface. *Applicant: Mr Michael Hunt*	2025/1330/DISC Discharge of Conditions **Appleby Grammar School, CA16 6XU** Application for the approval of details reserved by condition 19 (Biodiversity Gain Deemed Condition), attached to approval 2025/0701/FPA. *Applicant: Morgan Sindall and the DfE*

P6/09/25 Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report in respect of this meeting.

P7/09/25 Council Policies

The Social Media for Councillors Policy and the Safeguarding Policy were accepted and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council.

It was agreed that the Electronic Communications Policy were accepted and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council, but with an amendment to include some guidance on what Councillors should do when they receive spam emails, which often claim to be from a fellow Councillor.

P8/09/25 Road Closures

The Clerk reported that the road works that took place on Bridge Street at the end of July by Northern Gas and Electricity NW had gone much better than anticipated, and the contractors had worked very hard to keep the road open as much as possible and complete the work as soon as possible.

Likewise, the road works on Holme Street as part of the flood defence scheme had gone very well and they had also been able to keep the road open during most of the period of work.

Details about the work and road closures being carried out by Fibrus in and around Garth Heads Road over the next two weeks have been circulated to Councillors and residents. Again, the road closures were not going to be as disruptive as the notices had implied.

Notice was given last week that Holme Farm Bridge, which had previously been closed to vehicles, is now also closed to pedestrians and cyclists. This is following an underwater inspection, which revealed damage to the bridge's abutment. Westmorland & Furness Council are working with the bridge owners to discuss the next steps.

Actions: It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Westmorland & Furness Council for a copy of the technical report detailing the issues with the bridge.

It was also agreed that the Clerk would check with Highways that something would be done about re-surfacing High Wiend and Holme Street once the flood defence work affecting the road had been completed.

P9/09/25 Heritage Open Weekend – 20th-21st September

The Clerk reported that plans for the weekend were going well and thanks to a grant from Westmorland & Furness Council's Festivals and Events Fund, we have some exciting plans for the HOD weekend, including a new exhibition of historical images from Appleby-in-Westmorland Society's digital archive in the Public Hall. We also received a copy of 'Appleby's Magna Carta' from Harvard University and have a new popup banner with the timeline, which will be displayed in the TIC's Exhibition Room.

P10/09/25 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

The Clerk reported that Appleby Cricket Club had won the 1st Division of the Westmorland Cricket League and their second team have also been promoted.

Action: It was agreed that the Clerk would do a certificate of recognition to present to the Club.

P11/09/25 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Planning and General Purposes Committee will be on **Monday 13th October 2025** at **6.45pm** in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.32pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 17th September 2025**, the Chair of this meeting was authorised by the Council to sign these minutes, to confirm they are a true and accurate record:

Cllr Pamela Davidson