

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH MOLTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 AT 6.00PM

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Present: In the Chair: Cllr M. Cornelius  
 Cllr M. Bushell Cllr Mrs C. Lock  
 Cllr D. Worden

In Attendance: Mr. A. C. Coates – Town Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

2. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Planning Committee

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

It was RESOLVED that these minutes be approved, Cllr Bushall abstained as he was not present at the previous meeting.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a)

Application No: 71786

Applicant: Miss Claire Bracher

Proposal: Change of use of summerhouse to a mixed use summerhouse & beautician business.

Location: 30A Exeter Gate, South Molton, Devon EX36 4AN

It was unanimously RESOLVED that this application be recommended for approval.

b)

Application No: 72247

Applicant: Mr N Hagget & Ms T Tripp

Proposal: Erection of Dwelling

Location: Land off North Road, South Molton, Devon EX36 3AZ

It was unanimously RESOLVED that this application be recommended for refusal for the following reasons:

1. The front entrance of the house is close to the zebra crossing.
2. Houses will soon be erected on the opposite side of the road which will result in a cluttered appearance.
3. It will be out of keeping with the street scene.
4. It will damage the appeal of the Town on the approach to South Molton.
5. The proposed building is not in the centre of town and there is no car parking specified in the application.

- 6. The existing parking on the old Quince Honey Farm site is now not available, therefore limiting any further parking areas.
- 7. It is a sensitive site on the corner with many children walking to and from the Junior School.
- 8. The site does not conform to the existing building line of the other houses in the area.
- 9. The visibility splay is totally inadequate for the speed of vehicles coming down North Road.

Councillors were adamant that this space should be left as an Open Space Area.

Councillors also agreed that this application should be 'Called In' if it appears the application is likely to be approved by NDC.

c)

Application No: 72087  
 Applicant: Mrs A Phillips  
 Proposal: Creation of vehicular hardstanding  
 Location: 15 Hugh Squier Avenue, South Molton, Devon EX36 3DR  
 It was unanimously RESOLVED that this application be recommended for approval.

However Councillors agreed that a planning application was not necessary for these works and need not have been submitted. This has wasted valuable time and monies.

6. **RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT PLANNING WHITE PAPER**

It was unanimously RESOLVED that the Planning White Paper was so important that the Full Town Council needed to discuss further. An informal meeting of the Planning Committee was arranged for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 in order to provide the Full Council with further discussion points.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairman.....

Date.....