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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 18.30

Planning Committee Members Present: Cllr Sean Hynes (Chair), Cllr Zoe Metcalfe (Deputy Chair), Cllr Rob Young, Cllr Simon Ashley, Liz Leatherbarrow (clerk who took the minutes).

Other councillors were also present in readiness for the Full Council Meeting: Cllr Pauline Phillips, Cllr Peter Phillips, Cllr Jamie McNeil, Cllr Nathan Plowright, Cllr Elisa Philips. The report from Mr Bagley was heard by all in attendance.

Public Attendance Request: Lynne Bagley and Brian Collier have made a request to attend the meeting.

Mr Bagley gave a report to the Planning Committee and Full Council members who were present:

The three fields with, and near to, the Devils Arrows have been included with submissions for development in the NYC Call for Sites document. Following a Freedom of Information request it has been confirmed that a number of houses are suggested for development on each of the three fields. Mr Collier suggested that preparations are needed now for compiling objection information to make in a response to any Planning Applications for development that may be submitted for the fields in the future.

Investigations by Mr Bagley show that the fields are of significant archaeological importance. The site is part of a major neolithic hub. The altar stone from Stonehenge likely travelled to Somerset from Scotland via the Thornbury Henge and the Boroughbridge site. One of the Devils Arrows is the second tallest standing stone recorded in the United Kingdom. Mr Collier stated these facts place the site as a significant site of national archaeological and historic importance and interest that should be protected. He is attempting to get interest and support from other bodies including English Heritage and the Thornbury Henge group and was formally asking the town council to support the idea of protecting the site.

Cllr Metcalfe confirmed that the town council had previously expressed concerns that the fields were of historical importance if development is to be considered in this area. She thanked Mr Collier and Ms Bagley for their report and the time and effort taken in compiling the information shared.

Cllr Metcalfe suggested the issue is added as an agenda item for the town council to consider and discuss at a future meeting.

Ms Bagley and Mr Collier left the meeting at 18:55.

87. Apologies for absence

All present.

88. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None Declared.

89. Parish Council Notifications for consultation received since the last Planning Committee Meeting

89a) APPLICATION NO: 26/01786/TPO

PROPOSAL: Lateral reduction of 5 no. Sycamore trees G1 by 3 metres (over garden) of Tree Preservation Order 14/1991 G1. The correct identity of all trees that the application refers to can be found

in the sketch plan aspect of this application. Permission is sought by the applicant to remove branches that are encroaching over the property boundary. These long lateral branches provide a perch for wood pigeons and other birds that cause droppings on the applicants property. Excessive shading is also a consideration as well as excessive leaf litter. The trees are engulfed in ivy and look to be in poor condition, the applicant is apprehensive about using the garden as they fear branches may fall on them or their family. Some twigs and small branches have already done this during high winds. There is a total of 5 trees on the applicants boundary which require the boundary pruning work.

LOCATION: 6 Oak Close Boroughbridge North Yorkshire YO51 9FZ

GRID REF: E 439195 N 466961

APPLICANT: Mr Paul Cooke

PUBLIC ACCESS: view file

(<https://publicaccess.northyorks.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>)

The members considered the application and discussed the other TPO's in the local area near to this application.

Resolved: To submit response:

A - The Parish Council has no objections.

89b) APPLICATION NO: 26/01914/FUL

PROPOSAL: Conversion of Integral Double Garage with Associated Front Extension to Provide Ancillary Accommodation.

LOCATION: 2 Dere Way Boroughbridge North Yorkshire YO51 9RH

GRID REF: E 439782 N 465606

APPLICANT: Mr James Stevens

PUBLIC ACCESS: view file

[26/01914/FUL | Conversion of Integral Double Garage with Associated Front Extension to Provide Ancillary Accommodation. | 2 Dere Way Boroughbridge North Yorkshire YO51 9RH](#)

The members considered the application and carefully noted information from accompanying documents. Development of neighbouring properties was also discussed and considered in relation to this application.

Resolved: To submit response:

A - The Parish Council has no objections.

90. Decision Notifications over the last month

None received.

91. Planning Breaches/Enforcements received over the last month

91a) CASE NO: 26/00312/BRP

LOCATION: Land Comprising Field At 439839 464979 Stump Cross To Grafton Grange Boroughbridge

ALLEGED BREACH: Alleged non-compliance of approved plans of planning reference HGTZC24/00007/FULMAJ in respect of groundworks at north east corner of site

Noted.

91b) PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

CASE NO: 26/00410/BRPC15

LOCATION: Greystones Residential Development Stump Cross To Aldborough Boroughbridge.

ALLEGED BREACH: Alleged breach of condition 2 of planning permission reference HGT17/02937/FULMAJ in respect of pond on site plan

Noted.

91c) TPO No. 39/2026 (HAR)

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER: TPO NO. 39/2026 (HAR)

LOCATION: 1 THE STONEYARD, 12 FISHERGATE, BOROUGHBIDGE, YO51 9AL

Noted.

92. Appeals received over the last month

None received.

93. North Yorkshire Local Plan

No further information to consider.

94. Other Correspondence

94.1 Notification of 40mph Speed limit Stumps Cross to Aldborough.

Noted.

94.2 Notification of opening of NYC Call for Sites from 11.06.26 for 6 weeks.

Noted.

The members questioned why a subsequent re-opening of the for the Call for Sites has been received. No explanation has been provided by North Yorkshire Council of the extension period.

Cllr Metcalfe requested that County Councillor (CCLr) Robert Windass, who had just arrived in the meeting room to attend the Full Council Meeting, investigated why this had happened.

CCLr Windass agreed to follow up the query as he had no knowledge of the letter received, nor information to share about it.

95. To consider any tracked Applications and new changes to Planning notifications

Nothing to report.

Signed:

Date:

Mayor and Chair of Council