



New Alresford Town Council  
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**Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at Alresford Recreation Centre, Alresford, SO24 9EP, commencing at 6.00pm.**

	In attendance	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Gordon-Smith (Chairman)	✓		
Cllr S Holmes			✓
Cllr Sprott	✓		
Cllr Byrne	✓		
Cllr B Jeffs	✓		

**ALSO PRESENT:** Committee Clerk-Frances Simpson  
Town Clerk- Marcia Phillibert  
Cllr Evans

**P19/072 To receive and accept apologies for absence**

No apologies of absence were received.

**P19/073 To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.**

Cllr Byrne declared a business relationship with Longbarn application 19/00619/FUL but it was noted that whatever the decision this will not affect his business.

**P19/074 To approve dispensations for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.**

The Clerk advised nothing received for this meeting.

**P19/075 Public participation for fifteen minutes to allow members of the public present to raise questions on issues not included in the agenda. Each person wishing to speak will be allowed a maximum of three minutes.**

*(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1)*

The Chairman invited members in the public gallery to speak regarding Longbarn application 19/00619/FUL.

**Speaker 1:** Highlighted the growth of Longbarn over the last 10 years which has created a successful thriving business. Due to this the café has outgrown itself and therefore Longbarn seek to vary the original planning conditions. Supplementary economic data has been sought which shows that this planning application will help the economy of New Alresford. For example, the data shows that of all visitors to Longbarn, 58% visit the town centre. Two new cafes in the town opened last month along with a large development at the Station Mill going ahead.

**Speaker 2:** Explained that Longbarn has become a beacon attracting visitors from far and wide even though it does not benefit from passing footfall. The

business promotes the town in numerous ways. A new map of Alresford has been installed by the entrance to encourage their visitors into the town centre.

**Speaker 3:** A young employee of Longbarn spoke on behalf of all the other young employees. She explained that many opportunities have been given to them by the directors such as flexible hours and the chance to work on their return during university holidays. The diversity of the business allows for a lot of personal growth and opportunity as an employee.

**Speaker 4:** Explained that Longbarn now has 60 employees of whom the majority are local to New Alresford. As Longbarn business is based around seasonal plant sales they have provided a diversity of goods for sale including a café, as most other garden centres do. Longbarn is open on Sundays and Bank Holidays and it would be a tragedy if this business was lost.

**P19/076**

**19/00619/FUL**

**Old Sheep Fair, The Long Barn, Bishops Sutton Road, Alresford SO24 9EJ**

**Application reference number: 13/02145/FUL**

Condition Number(s): 2

Conditions(s) Removal:

To reflect what is operational on site at the current time.

The storage area, mail order office and general sales area hereby approved shall only be used for the sale, storage and distribution of the following items;

- a) Trees, lavender plants and plants of all kinds, dried and fresh cut lavender, wreathes and associated items;
- b) Long Barn by-products (products made using Long Barn botanical ingredients, oils and extracts);
- c) Composts, peats and other goods associated with plant/garden care;
- d) Pots and containers of all kinds;
- e) Traditional garden sundries including hand tools, tools, raffia, twine, gloves, aprons, baskets, rugs, cloches, plant supports, obelisks, ornaments, and associated items;
- f) Seeds and bulbs, dried, artificial and cut flowers and goods associated with their care and maintenance;
- g) Ancillary indoor and outdoor seating for the serving of refreshments;
- h) Space for workshops or events, limited to no more than 15 workshops in any calendar year;
- i) Homewares food and drink, gifts and cards, stationery, clothing, jewellery, garden wildlife and dog care products, and associated items.

**NATC have been awaiting an economic report from WCC to recognise if Longbarn has a positive or negative effect on the town. This report has not been forthcoming so in light of this it was resolved that conditions g) and i) on Longbarn have to remain in a modified form that is clear and enforceable. The committee would like to see the actual number of seats as proposed to a percentage of area taken for seating and to itemise the products in condition i) as proposed to 'associated items'. This will make**

the conditions less ambiguous. These specifics should be sorted out by WCC Planning only on the proviso that any forthcoming data establishes that there is no impact on the town.

**Proposed: Cllr Gordon-Smith Seconded: Cllr Sprott All Agreed.**

- P19/077**      **To receive and approve minutes and recommendations of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019**  
A proposal was received, seconded and voted in favour of accepting the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019.  
**Resolution:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be accepted and approved as a true and accurate record. Agreed.
- P19/078**      **19/01001/HOU**  
**Lime Trees, 35 Grange Road, SO24 9HB**  
Single storey garden room extension.  
**The committee have no objection to this application.**
- P19/074**      **19/01061/FUL**  
**36A Broad Street, SO24 9AQ**  
(MMA to 15/02945/FUL) – Change width to rear door access.  
**The committee have no objection to this application.**
- P19/075**      **19/01057/HOU**  
**The Old Toll House, The Avenue, SO24 9EP**  
Proposed alterations to renovate existing 1970s garage. (WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF A LISTED BUILDING)  
**The committee agree to the improvements detailed in this application but only if the following materials are used: Black horizontal weatherboards instead of red cedar and the slate roof to be similar in style and type to those on the existing Toll House roof. The Millennium Trail board secured to the back of the garage to remain in good order.**  
**Proposed: Cllr Gordon-Smith Seconded: Cllr Jeffs Agreed**
- P19/076**      **19/01290/FUL**  
**Laurel House , Station Approach SO24 9JP**  
Application Reference Number: 18/00452/FUL Date of Decision: 18/04/2018  
Condition Number(s): Condition 2 - submission of amended plans for minor material amendment  
Conditions(s) Removal:  
Variation of Condition 2 to enable submission of amended plans as a minor material amendment  
Substitute approved plans with:  
Proposed Site Plan - Drawing Ref: 5306 P-1103  
Proposed GF Plans - Drawing Ref: 5306 P-1200  
Proposed FF Plans - Drawing Ref: 5306 P-1201  
Proposed South and West Elevations - Drawing Ref: 5306 P-1300  
Proposed North and East Elevations - Drawing Ref: 5306 P-1301

The committee object to this application and feel it is a case for enforcement. The reason being that minor changes are acceptable but this building has been completed without any stone sills as agreed in the original application. Proposed: Cllr Sprott Seconded: Cllr Jeffs Agreed

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19/01148/FUL

Western Villa, 58 The Dean, SO24 9BD

Application Reference Number: 15/02890/FUL Date of Decision: 22/12/2017  
Condition Number(s): 19 Conditions(s) Removal: To substitute revised site plan, floor plans, elevations, boundary treatment and landscaping scheme. To be carried out in accordance with revised plans

The committee object to this application on two issues. Firstly, it is unnecessary to have an electric sliding gate in a quiet cul de sac. Cars will be queuing to gain entry in an already narrow road, preventing fluidity of movement. Secondly, the planting should be of indigenous species as this area abuts the old watercress beds. Flowering cherries would be incorrect.

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For Information only:

- (i) Strategic planning update - Revision of New Alresford Design  
Statement to ensure that it is still relevant. (Circulated to all councillors)

The New Alresford Design Statement is due for revision. This is a guide for developers, planning officers, local councillors and residents to indicate which matters relating to New Alresford should be taken into account in any new development proposals. The Design Statement must be compliant with national and local planning policy to ensure that the final form is in keeping with the development plan and can therefore be considered suitable for adoption as a supplementary planning document. This statement will be led by the Parish Council and will involve the whole community. As some of the photographs need refreshing the committee would like to liaise with the schools in Alresford and suggest that they might like to take photographs during the school holidays of buildings and houses showing the designs that they like. Any visitors to the town will also be invited to comment and send in photographs. These photographs will then be advertised for all to see.

- (ii) Sun Lane Development Heads of Terms update.

The town clerk recently had a meeting with the case officer of the proposed development on land to the East of Sun Lane in Alresford. The clerk updated the Planning Committee. The application has not received full approval therefore no legal documents have been signed. NATC will only be responsible for the open space at this site, trees, housing, drainage etc. will fall to the responsibility of HCC. As yet there are various discrepancies which will be addressed by NATC.

**Resolution: The Planning committee will work through any design improvements as there are several areas which need detailed analysis. The Chairman would like all councillors to read the heads of terms and send in their comments to the town council office.**

The chairman concluded the meeting at 20.03pm

The next Planning Committee meeting is 30th July 2019.