

North Yorkshire Council

Skipton and Ripon Area Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5th November, 2024 commencing at 2.00 pm.

Councillor Nathan Hull in the Chair plus Councillors Barbara Brodigan, Andy Brown, Robert Heseltine, David Ireton, David Noland and Andrew Williams.

Officers present: John Worthington, Development Services Manager – Development Management; Kelly Dawson, Senior Solicitor; Emma Howson, Principal Development Management Officer; Vicky Davies, Senior Democratic Services Officer and David Smith, Democratic Services Officer.

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

121 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

122 Minutes for the Meeting held on Monday 30th September 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2024 were confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

123 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

Planning Applications

The Committee considered a report of the Assistant Director Planning – Community Development Services relating to an application for planning permission. During the meeting, officers referred to additional information and representations that had been received.

The conditions as set out in the report and the appropriate time limit conditions were to be attached in accordance with the relevant provisions of Section 91 and 92 of the Town and Country Planning Act.

In considering the report of the Assistant Director Planning – Community Development Services regard had been paid to the policies of the relevant development plan, the National Planning Policy Framework and all other material planning considerations.

In granting permission in accordance with the recommendations in the report this was because the proposals were in accordance with the development plan, the National Planning Policy Framework or other material considerations as set out in the report unless otherwise specified below.

124 ZC24/01065/RG3- Extension of Pateley Bridge Cemetery, with traditional and natural burial areas, ash interments and soft landscaping and internal access and parking at land comprising field west of cemetery, Panorama Walk, Pateley Bridge on behalf of North Yorkshire Council

Considered –

The Assistant Director Planning Community Development Services sought determination of a full planning application for the extension of the Pateley Bridge Cemetery on an adjacent agricultural field west of the existing cemetery. The application was outside the defined development limits, therefore in open countryside. The site was also situated within the buffer of the Pateley Bridge Conservation Area. It had been brought to Committee as it was an application by North Yorkshire Council.

The proposed extension would provide an additional 314 burial plots, 48 natural burial plots and 364 ash internments which would be accessed by an extended roadway from the existing cemetery through the demolition of a small section of the existing stone wall with a turning head, hearse and disabled parking.

Local Division Councillor Andrew Murday spoke and was supportive of the application.

The applicant's agent Mr Adam Muspratt spoke in support of the application.

During consideration of the application, the Committee discussed the following issues:

- Apart from allocated parking for the hearse and a disabled vehicle no additional parking had been included in the proposed scheme.
- The suitability, due to the gradient of the site, for access by the elderly and less agile visitors.
- Members were advised that to retain the openness of the landscape, hardstanding and car parking had been reduced as sufficient car parking could be provided within the existing cemetery.
- Concern about the recommendation that the boundary wall should be post and rail rather than a dry stone wall in keeping with the existing cemetery.
- Wildflower and hedge planting would improve biodiversity and was good for wildlife.

Decision:

That, the application is GRANTED subject to the conditions as detailed in the Assistant Director's report.

Record of Voting:

A vote was taken and the motion was declared carried with 5 for, 1 against and 1 abstention.

125 Any other items

There were no urgent items of business.

126 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 3rd December 2024.

The meeting concluded at 2.55 pm.