

SEDBERGH PARISH COUNCIL – Planning Report

14 January 2016

The Planning Committee met on 6 January attended by Cllrs Longlands Capstick, Macpherson, Sedgwick & Atkins

Apologies: Cllr Allan

Declarations of interest: Cllr Longlands declared an interest in application S/03/564B and took no part in the discussion on that application.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Planning Committee, in the exercise of its delegated powers, has submitted the following comments to the YDNPA on behalf of the Council:

S/03/564B - Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission S/03/564A (conversion of garage to dwelling) at Highfield Villas, Howgill Lane, Sedbergh
Whilst the Council remains opposed to this development, it is acknowledged that the principle of the conversion has been approved pursuant to planning permission S/03/564A. In design terms, the amended plans now proposed are considered an improvement on those previously granted.

S/03/601 – Full permission for erection of extensions to the side and rear of the property and erection of new garage to replace existing at Brantholme, Low Langstaffe, Sedbergh.
No objections

PLANNING DECISIONS:

The YDNPA has advised the Council of its decisions on planning applications as follows:

S/03/597/LB – Listed building consent for installation of satellite dish at Lowriding, Cautley
Approved with conditions

S/03/563A - Full permission for conversion of existing barn into bunk barn at Old Spout Barn, Spout, Dowbiggin, Sedbergh.
Approved with conditions and subject to a Section 106 Agreement which requires compliance with a management plan designed to ensure appropriate booking arrangements and to safeguard the amenities of nearby residential properties.

SPORTS CENTRE PROPOSAL - SEDBERGH SCHOOL:

For information, subsequent to the Council's discussions at the last meeting, the text of the email sent by the Clerk of the Council to the Bursar of Sedbergh School was as follows:

Further to your site meeting with members of the Council's Planning Committee on 18 November, I am writing to advise that this matter was considered at the meeting of the full Council held on 10 December.

The Council is grateful for the opportunity to comment on this proposal prior to your application being submitted to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. As you will appreciate, the Council will be formally consulted on the application by the Authority and members will then be able to fully consider the detailed plans. Members therefore agreed that it would be inappropriate at this stage to form a view on the merits of the proposal but that it would be helpful to identify the issues which are likely to be considered important by the Council in its assessment of the proposals when consulted by the Authority.

Such issues include:

- the continuing development of the School in the interests of the town;*
- landscape impacts;*
- matters of scale, design, materials and lighting;*
- the provision for wider community use should the development proceed; and*
- the implications of the proposed development in terms of additional parking requirements.*

In relation to parking, you will be aware that there is much local concern that the parking of cars and coaches on Busk Lane during sporting events is already causing obstruction of footways, difficulties for the free flow of traffic and damage to pavements and grass verges. It is noted that the draft plans provide for removable seating for 488 persons. Irrespective of other considerations, members wish to emphasise that they would expect any planning submission to be accompanied by proposals for additional parking within the School estate (particularly for coaches) and by robust management plans to accommodate vehicles associated with spectators and participants during sporting events. Should the application be approved and the development proceed, the Council considers it might well be the case that statutory measures might be necessary to control parking on Busk Lane.