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**MINEHEAD TOWN COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20 March 2023 at 10.30 am
Minehead Town Council Office

Present:

Chair: Cllr M Palmer

Committee: Cllr A Lawton, Cllr C Palmer*, Cllr B Hodson, Cllr S Slade.

(* denotes Somerset West and Taunton Councillor "SWT")

(** denotes Somerset County Council Councillor "SCC")

Press and Public: 3 members of the public

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Cllrs Absent: Cllr T Bloomfield, Cllr C Gilberto, Cllr M Kravis* **

1. To receive apologies and declarations of members' interests in respect of any Agenda item

Apologies had been received from Cllr T Venner

(a) Disclosures of interest

Member	Item	Interest	Time Period	Speak/ Vote	
Cllr C Palmer	All	SWT Councillor SWT Planning Committee	2023	No	Did not speak or vote

(b) Dispensation requests

There were no dispensation requests

2. To adjourn Meeting for Public Inclusion (Standing Order No 3e)

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Members of the Public spoke, comments included:

Concerns about opening hours stated, Fencing separating the Café from the Gardens; Poor disabled Access; Lack of kitchen equipment; Lack of Public consultation in the process to lease the building.

3. To receive relevant written communications
None received

4. To consider the planning applications received – Appendix 1

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APPENDIX 1

5. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

A. The Committee considered applications received under the Act and made the following recommendations thereon:

Date/ Reference	Applicant	Details of Development	Town Council Comments	Date SWT Notified of MTC Recommendation	SWT Decision
3/21/23/014	Café, Blenheim Road, Minehead, TA24 6AJ	<p>Refurbishment and alterations to single storey café building to include raised flat roof level, additional replacement windows and doors, construction of ramp and raised deck to entrance and installation of a mobile catering unit.</p> <p>Café, Blenheim Gardens, Blenheim Road, Minehead, TA24 5PY</p>	<p>Objection: The Committee strongly object to this application and recommend refusal, on discrimination grounds; separation of the Café from the Gardens, forcing all limited mobility users, those with pushchairs and small children, to exit the Gardens, entering and exiting the Café through a non-paved Car Park at its narrowest point; Single toilet not accessible to the less able or those with small children. Deck area not in-keeping with gardens in Conservation Area. Concerns about the mis-treatment of Trees.</p> <p>The comments of The Planning Committee should be taken in association with comments from Minehead TC's Planning Committee 07 March 2023</p> <p>PROPOSED: Cllr M Palmer</p> <p>SECONDED: Cllr B Hodson</p>	20.03.2023	

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Concerns about Opening Hours at odds with those of the Gardens; Discrepancies between the Plans and the Design & Access Statement; Insufficient changes to the Application regarding the issues raised by the District Planning Officers.
Drawings of space available for disabled access area misleading.

B. Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007

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None

C. Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990

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None

D. Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended) Trees Regulations 1969 and 1999

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None

The meeting closed at 11:15