

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 4TH JUNE, 2019

Present: Councillor Miss L Willis (Chair)
Mrs B E Allen, R Arthur, Mrs K Brace,
S P Colborn, S Cudlip, Mrs V Cummings,
Ms R M Gratton, G N Hepworth,
Mrs S Pratt, T Shepherd, B Taylor,
R Whitehead.

Apologies: Councillors E Bell, Mrs J A Bell,
D Cummings, Mrs S Forster,
Mrs L Kennedy.

Officers: P Fletcher (Deputy Town Clerk)
Ms A Rountree (Minute Taker)

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair advised members of this Committee and members of the public that in line with the amendment to 'the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960', which came into force in August, 2014, parts of this meeting may be recorded by photographic, video and audio means.

PL35/19 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests, prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Such interests must be submitted to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

PL36/19 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

There were two nominations for chair of the Planning and Environmental Committee namely Councillors D McKenna and Miss L Willis. A vote then took place:

Councillor D McKenna – 3 votes
Councillor Miss L Willis – 10 votes

RECOMMENDED that Councillor Miss L Willis be elected as Chair of the Planning and Environmental Committee for the ensuing year.

PL37/19 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

There are two nominations for Vice-Chair of the Planning and Environmental Committee namely Councillors Mrs L Kennedy and B Taylor. A vote then took place:

Councillor Mrs L Kennedy – 3 votes
Councillor B Taylor – 10 votes

RECOMMENDED that Councillor B Taylor be elected as Vice-Chair of the Planning & Environmental Committee for the ensuing year.

PL38/19 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30TH APRIL, 2019**

RECOMMENDED the Minutes of these meetings, copies of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

PL39/19 **PLANNING ISSUES**

a) **Monthly List**

RECOMMENDED the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5589 to 5592 as circulated be noted.

PL40/19 **TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

a) **Neighbourhood Services – Highways**

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

PL41/19 **COUNTY DURHAM STRATEGIC CYCLING AND WALKING DELIVERY PLAN 2019-2029**

A Member stated that he was pleased this plan had been approved by Durham County Council and he requested that Ms Victoria Lloyd-Gent be invited to attend a Town Council meeting once the Town Clerk has returned to work as she has also shown an interest in this delivery plan.

RECOMMENDED that Ms Victoria Lloyd-Gent be invited to attend a future meeting.

PL42/19 **VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE – ALDERS BAR AND COFFEE HOUSE (FORMERLY THE LOUNGE)**

It was noted that the new owners wished to extend the opening hours from 10.30pm to 11.30pm. Members had no objections to this item.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

PL43/19 **PLANNING CONSULTATION – FORMATION OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION ACCESS ON B1285 IN ASSOCIATION WITH HOUSING DEVELOPMENT LAND TO EAST OF A19 AND SOUTH OF DALTON HEIGHTS, SEAHAM**

Members discussed the temporary access for construction workers to enter the Bellway site at Dalton Heights. Members felt that this could be a dangerous access point on a busy road but the alternative for construction traffic would be for them to come through the Dalton Heights estate which would be unpleasant for current residents.

It was noted that this would be the access point once the site was developed for the new residents. Members agreed that they would not make an objection to this application.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

PL44/19 **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDED that there were no press opportunities from this meeting.