

## **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH MARCH, 2015**

Present: Councillor Mrs J A Bell (Chair) and Councillors B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, Mrs M R Baird, E Bell, B Burn Snr, B Burn Jnr, Mrs H J Cahill, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, Miss S Morrison, N R Page, I Paul, K Shaw, C Snowball, B Taylor, R Whitehead, K Younger

Apologies: Councillor R Meir

Observers: Councillor Mrs G Bleasdale, Mrs W Berry

*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.*

### **1. 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.

### **2. CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITE PROPOSAL**

The Chair advised that Mr John Noble was not in attendance with no apologies received.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2015**

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

### **4. TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

#### **a) Seaham (Parking and Waiting) Restrictions Order 2010 Amendment No. 1 Order 2015 The County Council Of Durham**

The Committee considered a communication from Durham County Council which detailed a proposal to make an Order to amend prohibition and restriction of waiting and loading/unloading on Viceroy Street and George Street in Seaham. Any representations were to be submitted by 12th March, 2015.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

**b) Neighbourhood Services - Highways**

RECOMMENDED the Neighbourhood Services Highways Reports for weeks commencing 23rd February, 2nd and 9th March, 2015 be noted.

**c) Temporary Road Closure – Lord Byrons Walk**

The Council was asked to note for information purposes that a 400 metre length of the above road would be temporarily closed by means of a Notice under Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 over 2 nights from Monday, 23rd March, 2015 to enable level crossing rail track works to be undertaken. This temporary road closure was advised by Durham County Council on 9th March, 2015 and an alternative route would be made available during the closure.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

**5. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

**a) Tyne and Wear Aquifer Protection Scheme**

The Committee considered correspondence which had been passed to the Town Council by Mr Robert Latimer and which included his original e-mail to the European Commission dated 10th January, 2015, and their subsequent response. Additional information had subsequently been received from Mr Latimer in relation to the Whitburn Mine Water Pumping Test and a copy of this was circulated to Members.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported and continue to support Mr Latimer's efforts on this issue.

**6. GENERAL ISSUES**

**a) Neighbourhood Plans and the County Durham Plan**

The Committee considered a communication from the County Durham Association of Local Councils which detailed the Inspector's Interim Report released on 18th February, 2015 on the County Durham Plan.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

**b) Neighbourhood Protection Team Updates**

RECOMMENDED the Neighbourhood Protection Team Performance Report for Seaham for January 2015, be noted.

**7. LICENSING ISSUES**

**a) New Premises Licence Application – Vicky’s Supermarket,  
8 Marlborough Road, Seaham**

The above application was initially considered at the last meeting of the Planning and Environmental Committee when Members asked for further clarification in respect of the Sunday hours. The response from Durham County Council stated that the restrictions on sale of alcohol from 9 am to 11 pm on a Sunday only applied to larger stores.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

**8. PLANNING ISSUES**

**a) Monthly List**

RECOMMENDED that the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5331 to 5336 as circulated be noted.

**b) Dalton Heights Development**

Prior to the consideration of this item, Councillor S Cudlip declared an interest, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

The Committee was advised of a resubmission by Bellway Homes in respect of a proposed housing development at Dalton Heights. A copy of the Deputy Town Clerk’s proposed letter of objection which detailed additional objections was circulated to Members.

RECOMMENDED the Council approve the additional objections detailed in the Deputy Town Clerk’s proposed communication to Durham County Council in respect of this development.

**9. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDED the Council note that no press opportunities existed from this meeting.