

## **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2016**

Present: Councillor C Snowball (Chair) and Councillors E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, B Burn Snr, Mrs S Forster, R Meir, Miss S Morrison, R Whitehead, K Younger

Apologies: Councillors Mrs H J Cahill, S Cudlip, I Paul, K Shaw.

Observer: Councillor Mrs G Bleasdale,

*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. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2016**

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.

### **3. TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

#### **3.1 Neighbourhood Services - Highways**

RECOMMENDED the Council accept the Neighbourhood Services Highways reports for September, 2016.

### **4. PLANNING ISSUES**

#### **4.1 Monthly List**

RECOMMENDED the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5437 to 5439 as circulated be noted.

#### **4.2 Prism Planning**

Prior to the consideration of this item, Councillor Mrs G Bleasdale declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that he has received a letter from Prism Planning informing the Council that The Lord Byron Public House at the back of North Terrace is proposed to be knocked down and replaced by four houses with integral garages. The gardens enter onto the Councils land by approximately four feet so the Council will need to meet with them and try and negotiate with Kimmitt and Roberts.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

**4.3 Parkside Junior School**

The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Council that he had received an email communication from Durham County Council asking if Seaham Town Council still wanted to hold over the lease for Parkside Junior School. The Deputy Town Clerk stated we would want to hold onto the lease so that we have some input when Durham County Council decide what they want to do with the land.

RECOMMENDED the Council continues the lease over Parkside Junior School.

**5. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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