

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2016

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

Apologies: Councillors B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, B Burn Jnr, Mrs H Cahill, K Shaw

Observer: Councillor Mrs G Bleasdale

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair Councillor C Snowball took the Chair.

(Councillor C Snowball in the Chair)

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 12TH JANUARY, 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 Neighbourhood Services Highways Report for the week commencing 25th January, 2016 issued by Durham County Council, be noted.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

4.1 Pollution of Coastal Waters

The Committee considered correspondence provided by Mr Robert Latimer in relation to a Guardian newspaper item in relation to the lack of sewage data for water company outfalls. The Committee also considered a Sunderland Echo newspaper item in relation to untreated mine water being discharged into the sea at Whitburn.

RECOMMENDED the two newspaper items, be noted.

5. PLANNING ISSUES

5.1 Monthly List

RECOMMENDED the list of planning application referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5383 as circulated be noted.

5.2 Resubmission – Proposed Residential Development at Dalton Heights

Prior to consideration of the following item, Councillors Mrs G Bleasdale and S Cudlip declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Members were advised that further to initial consideration at the last Planning and Environmental Committee and further consideration by Members a formal objection had been submitted to this resubmitted planning application.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

6. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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