

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH APRIL, 2016

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs H J Cahill.

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 8TH MARCH, 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 29th March, 2016 issued by Durham County Council, be noted.

3.2 Seaham (Parking & Waiting) Consolidation No. 1 Order 2015 (Amendment No. 1) Order 2016

The Committee considered a communication from Durham County Council which advised of a consultation running from 16th March until 8th April. The consultation was with regard to the introduction of a No Waiting At Any Time restriction on both sides of the rear access road to Magdalene Court from its junction with Vane Terrace.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

3.3 Revised plans for improvements to Harbour Walk/Station Road, Seaham (area adjacent to Seaham Rail Station)

The Committee considered a communication from Durham County Council which advised of proposals at this location which is currently subject to a safety audit. The plans are to be made available to the general public during April/May for comments.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

4. PLANNING ISSUES

4.1 Monthly List

RECOMMENDED the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5389 to 5395 as circulated be noted.

4.2 Withdrawal of the County Durham Plan

The Committee considered a communication from Durham County Council which advised of the withdrawal of the County Durham Plan following the interim inspector's report and subsequent judicial review. A revised timetable for the preparation of a new local plan is to be considered by Durham County Council Cabinet on 6th April, 2016.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

5. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

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