

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 31ST MAY, 2016

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

Apologies: Councillors E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, S Cudlip,
I Paul

Observer: Councillor Mrs G Bleasdale

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RECOMMENDED Councillor Mrs B E Allen be appointed Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

(Councillor Mrs B E Allen 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.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RECOMMENDED Councillor C Snowball be appointed Vice-Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

3. 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.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3RD MAY, 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

5. TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES

5.1 Temporary Road Closure – Unclassified Road 21.19 Lord Byrons Walk, Seaham

RECOMMENDED the Council note a 400 metre length of the above road was temporarily closed to vehicular traffic from 10.00 pm on Monday,

23rd May, 2016 until 7.00am on Tuesday, 24th May, 2016 by means of a Notice under Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984 to enable essential level crossing rail track works to be undertaken.

6. **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

6.1 **Pollution of Coastal Waters**

The Committee considered information provided by Mr Bob Latimer on the ongoing issue of seawater pollution at Whitburn.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

7. **PLANNING ISSUES**

7.1 **Monthly List**

RECOMMENDED the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5400 to 5409 as circulated be noted.

7.2 **Proposed Residential Development at Dalton Heights**

The Committee was informed that the Durham County Council Planning Committee meeting to consider the application is to take place on 7th June, 2016. There is to be a meeting of Dalton-le-Dale Parish Council at 6.30pm on Friday 3rd June to discuss making representation at the Planning Committee meeting. In discussion, Members agreed that as the Deputy Town Clerk was speaking on behalf of the Council at the Planning Committee meeting that he should attend the Dalton-le-Dale Parish Council meeting and that the Councillor(s) for that ward also attend if possible.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) The Council note the information now reported.
- (ii) The Deputy Town Clerk and Councillor(s) for the ward attend the Dalton-le-Dale Parish Council meeting to discuss making representation prior to their attendance at the Durham County Council Planning Committee meeting on 7th June, 2016.

8. **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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