

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD MAY, 2016

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

Apologies: Councillors B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, 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 5TH APRIL, 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. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

3.1 Pollution of Coastal Waters

The Committee considered information provided by Mr Bob Latimer on the ongoing issue of seawater pollution at Whitburn. In discussion Members acknowledged the seriousness of the issue and agreed it had to be continually monitored. Members were also informed that the MP for South Shields and the local MEP were investigating the issue.

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 5396 to 5399 as circulated be noted.

5. **NEW DEMENTIA ADVISOR SERVICE IN COUNTY DURHAM**

The Committee was advised of a new service that had been introduced to support those living with dementia.

RECOMMENDED the Dementia Advisor be invited to a future meeting of the Arts and Information Committee to inform Members of the new service.

6. **SEAHAM RAILWAY STATION**

Pursuant to previous discussion at the recent Parks and Events Committee, Members were provided with further details on the new rail franchise holder.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

7. **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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