

## **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016**

Present: Councillor Mrs B E Allen and  
Councillors B Allen, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell  
B Burn Snr, B Burn Jnr, S Cudlip R Meir,  
I Paul B Taylor, R Whitehead,

Apologies: Councillors Mrs H J Cahill, Mrs S Forster,  
Miss S Morrison, N Page

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 31<sup>ST</sup> 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.

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

#### **3.1 Seaham Train Station (one Way) Order 2016**

RECOMMENDED the Council note a one way restriction at Seaham Train Station from its junction with Harbour Walk and exiting at its junction with New Drive.

#### **3.2 Seaham (Parking & Waiting) Consolidation No. 1 Order 2015 (Amendment No. 2) Order 2016**

RECOMMENDED the Council note the parking and waiting at Station Road, Seaham School of Technology and Seaham Train Station.

### **4. PLANNING ISSUES**

#### **4.1 Monthly List**

RECOMMENDED the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5410 to 5417 as circulated be noted.

**4.2 Proposed Development at South Ryhope, Sunderland – Invite to Public Consultation Event – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

The Committee considered correspondence sent to the Town Council from Barton Willmore with regards to the proposed development at South Ryhope, Sunderland.

A Member stated that they were disappointed as when they had read the County Durham Plan the land North of Seaham was designated as Green Belt land. The land referred to is the land on the left once you pass under the Convent Bridge which is within the Sunderland boundary and has been proposed to develop a housing estate.

A Member stated that this would warrant a comment on the County Durham Plan as it feels like Seaham are being squeezed from the North side and there could also be a possibility of some development on the South Side of Seaham.

Another Member agreed that this needs to be pursued via the County Durham Plan.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information now reported.

**4.3 Royal Mail Post Box – New Seaham Academy**

The Town Clerk advised Councillors of a communication he had received from Royal Mail with regard to the post box outside of New Seaham Academy which had previously been stolen from the wall at the school. Royal mail are proposing a free standing mailbox (pictures were circulated at the meeting).

Royal Mail were looking for authority to carry out the works to the new mailbox. The Town Clerk advised Royal Mail that they would need to speak to Durham County Council.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

**5. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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