

## **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017**

Present: C Snowball (Chair) and E Bell,  
Mrs J A Bell, B Burn Jnr, S Cudlip,  
Mrs S Forster, R Meir, I Paul,  
K Younger.

Apologies: B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, Mrs H J Cahill,  
Miss S Morrison, B Taylor.

Observers: 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 7TH FEBRUARY, 2017**

RECOMMENDED the Minutes of this meeting, a copy 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 Council accept the Neighbourhood Services Highways reports for 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.

#### **3.2 Laurel Avenue, Temporary Road Closure Notice**

RECOMMENDED the Council note a 90 metre length of the above road was temporarily closed on Thursday 16th February, 2017 by means of a Notice under Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Act, 1984, to allow repair works to a damaged water main and sewer to be undertaken. The section of road may be closed for a period of 21 days and if the works are not completed within this period it will be necessary to continue the closure.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

### **3.3 Removal of Street Lighting**

Members considered correspondence from Mr Kevin Robson, Senior Project Manager, Durham County Council informing the Town Council of the decision to remove street lighting on George Elmy Lifeboat Way and East Cliff Road, Dawdon week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017. The Council has strongly opposed the removal of these lights at this location.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

## **4. PLANNING ISSUES**

### **4.1 Monthly List**

RECOMMENDED the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5456 to 5459 as circulated be noted.

### **4.2 Notification of Planning Appeal**

Prior to the consideration of this item, Councillors E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, S Cudlip and Mrs G Bleasdale declared an interest, and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon. Councillor S Cudlip left the Council chamber.

Members considered correspondence from Stuart Timmiss, Head of Planning and Assets, Durham County Council which indicated that Bellway Homes have appealed for a public enquiry with regard to the planning application for a residential development of 75 dwellings on land to the east of the A19 and south of Dalton Heights. In Discussion, Members were informed that it is expected the public enquiry will be held at Seaham Town Hall and it was agreed that a letter be sent reaffirming the Town Council's position on this planning application.

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) The Council note the information.
- (ii) The Deputy Town Clerk submit a letter reaffirming the Town Council's position on this planning application.

### **4.3 International Advanced Manufacturing Park – Area Action Plan**

Members considered correspondence from Kathryn Stule, Sunderland City Council informing of the Area Action Plan that will set the statutory planning policy framework for the proposed cross-boundary International Advanced Manufacturing Park on land to the north of Sunderland's Nissan manufacturing plant.

RECOMMENDED the Council note the information.

## **5. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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