

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 30TH MAY, 2017**

Present: Councillor R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs K Brace, S P Colborn, S Cudlip, D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings, Mrs S Forster, Ms R M Gratton, G N Hepworth, Mrs L Kennedy, D McKenna, T Shepherd, B Taylor, R Whitehead, Miss L Willis.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs B E Allen, Mrs S Pratt

**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.

*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 R Whitehead be appointed Vice-Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

(Councillor R Whitehead in the Chair)

**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 2ND MAY, 2017**

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**

**a) Neighbourhood Services – Highways**

RECOMMENDED the Council accept the Neighbourhood Services Highways reports for 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 to 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017.

**6. PLANNING ISSUES**

**a) Monthly List**

RECOMMENDED the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5471 to 5475 as circulated be noted.

**b) Seaham Three Schemes – Kier Living Ltd**

Drawings of the three proposed housing schemes at Burnhall Drive, Malvern Crescent and Station Road were discussed at the meeting. A consultation for Councillors is due to take place on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 1.00-5.00pm at Seaham Town Hall. Councillors were urged to attend the consultation if they are free to do so and to ask questions of the developers.

RECOMMENDED that Councillors attend the consultation with developers on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

**c) Gas Mains Replacement Works – Westlea**

RECOMMENDED that Councillors note the information obtained from Northern Gas in relation to the works being carried out at Westlea.

**7. MARINA NEWS**

RECOMMENDED that Members note the latest newsletter from Seaham Harbour Marina.

**8. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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