

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 27TH JUNE, 2017

Present: Councillor R Whitehead (Chair), R Arthur, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs K Brace, S P Colborn, Mrs S Forster, Mrs R M Gratton, G N Hepworth, Mrs L Kennedy, T Shepherd, B Taylor, Miss L Willis.

Observer: Mrs G Bleasdale

Apologies: Councillors E Bell, S Cudlip, D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings, Ms S Pratt, K Shaw

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 30TH 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

3. TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) Neighbourhood Services – Highways

A Member stated that they felt the updates from other areas across the county were unnecessary and that the reports should be filtered to include Seaham only. Discussion took place around the fact that some Members like to see which areas are benefitting from highways works being carried out. Members agreed that the report from the County Council should be filtered to only include Seaham and that the full report should be placed on the Town Council's website.

RECOMMENDED

- (i) the Council accept the Neighbourhood Services Highways reports for 5th, 12th and 19th June 2017.
- (ii) the report from the County Council should be filtered to only include Seaham and that the full report should be placed on the Town Council's website.

b) **Durham County Council – Seaham (Parking & Waiting Restrictions)**

RECOMMENDED that the Council note the information provided and note that the amended version now includes Byron Terrace and not Byron Place.

4. **PLANNING ISSUES**

a) **Monthly List**

RECOMMENDED the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5476 to 5482 as circulated be noted.

b) **Land Adjacent to Engineers Arms**

RECOMMENDED that the Council note the information that the site has been put out to market for an 8 week period.

8. **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

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