

## **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2018**

Present: Councillor Mrs B E Allen, (Chair), E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, 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, K Shaw, T Shepherd, B Taylor, R Whitehead, Miss L Willis.

Observer:

Apologies: Councillors R Arthur, Mrs K Brace,

*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 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, 2018**

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. PLANNING ISSUES**

#### **a) Monthly List**

RECOMMENDED the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5524 to 5529 as circulated be noted.

#### **b) Planning Consultation – Detached Function Room, The Ranch, Mill Inn Stockton Road**

Members discussed the letter and drawings which had been received from Durham County Council informing the Town Council of the proposed detached function room at The Ranch.

Following discussions Members stated that they felt if the intention was to increase business at The Ranch there was insufficient car parking to deal with the extra business. The Town Hall car park is often full especially on weekends so this would leave patrons of the Ranch parking vehicles outside of resident's properties.

A Member noted that there also appeared to be a stage incorporated into the function room which could also have noise implications for local residents with the nearest property being within 50 metres.

RECOMMENDED that the Acting Town Clerk places an objection from Seaham Town Council with legitimate causes and concerns.

4. **TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

a) **Neighbourhood Services – Highways**

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

5. **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDED that there were no press opportunities following this meeting.