

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 29th MAY, 2018

Present: Councillor D McKenna (Chair),
Mrs B E Allen, E Bell, Mrs K Brace,
S P Colborn, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster,
Ms R M Gratton, G N Hepworth,
Mrs L Kennedy, K Shaw, T Shepherd,
B Taylor, Miss L Willis

Apologies: Councillors R Arthur, Mrs J A Bell,

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

RECOMMENDED that Councillor D McKenna be appointed Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

(Councillor D McKenna in the Chair)

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 that Councillor Mrs L Kennedy be appointed Vice-Chair of this Committee for the ensuing year.

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 1st MAY, 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.

5. PLANNING ISSUES

a) Monthly List

RECOMMENDED the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5530 to 5537 as circulated be noted.

6. TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES

a) Neighbourhood Services – Highways

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

7. PROPOSED DETACHED FUNCTION ROOM – THE RANCH

RECOMMENDED that the Acting Town Clerk reports back with the decision made by Durham County Council.

8. RON HOGG SITE VISIT – SEAHAM LODGE JUNCTION

Members discussed the visit from Ron Hogg which is due to take place on Tuesday 5th June, 2018. It was agreed that Mr Hogg and the Acting Town Clerk only would attend the home of a member of the Seaham Lodge Campaign Group at Seaton Lane. Any Members wishing to take part in the site visit at the Lodge traffic lights would be free to do so.

A Member also raised the issue of lorries on Seaton Lane but it was noted that this was a highways issue which should be dealt with by Durham County Council.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

9. PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

RECOMMENDED that there were no press opportunities following this meeting.