

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**

Present: Councillor S Cudlip (Chair) Mrs K Brace, Mrs S Forster, Ms R M Gratton, Mrs S Pratt, K Shaw, B Taylor, R Whitehead, Miss L Willis.

Apologies: Councillors Mrs B E Allen, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, S P Colborn, D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings, G N Hepworth, Mrs L Kennedy, D McKenna .

Officers: Mrs D Rickaby (Town Clerk)  
Ms A Rountree (Minute Taker).

*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.*

**PL10/19 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. Such interests must be submitted to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

**PL11/19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2019**

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.

**PL12/19 PLANNING ISSUES**

**a) Monthly List**

RECOMMENDED the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5576 as circulated be noted.

**PL13/19 TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

**a) Neighbourhood Services – Highways**

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

**b) Notice of Temporary Bridleway Closure – Queen Alexandra Road – 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

c) **Notice of Temporary Road Closure – Mount Stewart Street, Melbury Street to the Welfare Centre – 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information.

**PL14/19** **COUNTY DURHAM PLAN & HOUSING STRATEGIES**

Councillor K Shaw declared an interest and took no further part in the discussions thereon.

Following Durham County Councils consultation which was held at Seaham Town Hall Members expressed concerns regarding the additional housing planned for Seaham and the lack of infrastructure to deal with the new houses such as GP's, schools and roads. This also included the planned development of 1500 houses at Blair Way which is outside of the Seaham boundary but will also impact on Seaham's services.

It was also noted in discussions that a developer has lodged an interest in developing on the greenbelt land in the north of Seaham next to Glebe Avenue, however, it was noted that it is difficult to get a designation on greenbelt land. It was also noted that if this land was to be built on then eventually Seaham could potentially join up with Ryhope. A Member requested that these views be passed onto Durham County Council.

A County Councillor informed that the strategy states that the infrastructure will be looked at prior to new houses being built.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk writes to Durham County Council expressing Seaham Town Councils views.

**PL15/19** **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

a) **Pollution of Coastal Waters**

Members discussed the invaluable information which is provided by Mr Latimer and requested that Mr Latimer be invited to a future meeting to give a short presentation.

RECOMMENDED that:

- (i) Members note the information.
- (ii) Mr Latimer be invited to a future meeting to give a short presentation.

**PL16/19** **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDED that there were no press opportunities from this meeting.