

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019**

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

Apologies: Councillors E Bell, Mrs J A Bell,  
D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings,  
Mrs S Pratt, K Shaw.

Observer: Councillor Mrs G Bleasdale

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.*

**PL55/19     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.

**PL56/19     MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY, 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.

**PL57/19     PLANNING ISSUES**

**a)     Monthly List**

A Member queried planning no. 5607 for 6 self-contained flats and asked the location of these. It was noted that the flats would be above the former Crazy Clearance store.

Planning no. 5614 – Members noted that this was the former fruiterers shop and planning permission has been made to convert this into a public house. It was noted that some third party objections had been made and will be put forward to the Licensing Department. This item will go before the Planners by the end of October.

RECOMMENDED the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5601 to 5616 as circulated be noted.

**PL58/19**      **TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

a)      **Neighbourhood Services – Highways**

Members discussed the new dropped kerbs at the traffic lights at Vane Terrace and how difficult it was for prams and wheelchairs to get around this. Members agreed to invite a Durham County Council Officer to have a look at this area.

RECOMMENDED that an Officer from Durham County Council is invited to look at the new kerbs at the corner of Vane Terrace.

**PL59/19**      **COUNTY DURHAM SINGLE USE PLASTICS PLEDGE**

Members agreed that this was a good initiative and Seaham Town Council should sign up to this.

RECOMMENDED that Seaham Town Council sign up to the County Durham Single Use Plastics Pledge.

**PL60/19**      **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDED that there were no press opportunities from this meeting.