

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2020

Present: Councillors B Taylor (Chair) and, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, S P Colborn, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, Ms R M Gratton, Mrs L Kennedy, T Shepherd.

Observer: Mrs G Bleasdale

Apologies: Councillors Mrs B E Allen, R Arthur, Mrs K Brace, D Cummings, Mrs V Cummings, G N Hepworth, D McKenna, K Shaw, Miss L Willis.

Officers: Mrs D Rickaby (Town Clerk), Mrs J Knight (Finance Officer), Miss 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.

PL81/20 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.

Councillors Mrs G Bleasdale declared an interest and took no further part thereon.

PL82/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH JANUARY, 2020

RECOMMENDED the Minutes of these meetings, copies of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member were approved and signed at the Full Council meeting held on 28th January 2020.

PL83/20 PLANNING ISSUES

a) Monthly List

A Member questioned whether an assessment had been carried out for parking on the planning application for Castlereaugh Road. A Member stated that there was a courtyard at the back of the building which would probably be used for parking.

A Member stated that he had received numerous complaints about the new building at the Ranch Steakhouse, that the materials used

were not in keeping with the area. Members noted that they had sent in an objection when the new building was proposed. Members requested that Officers write to Durham County Council to show their dismay at how this application was passed and note that other materials should have been used for the building which are more in keeping with the area.

RECOMMENDED that:

- (i) Officers to check the planning application for parking at Castlereagh Road.
- (ii) Officers to write to Durham County Council to state Councillors dismay regarding the materials used for the new building at the Ranch Steakhouse and to inform them that Seaham Town Councillors have received numerous complaints.
- (iii) the list of planning applications referred to all Councillors since the last meeting, namely 5629 to 5634 as circulated be noted.

PL84/20 PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

RECOMMENDED that there were no press opportunities from this meeting.