

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE HELD ON 9th FEBRUARY, 2021

Present: Councillors S Cudlip (Chair) and R Arthur, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, Mrs K Brace, S P Colborn, Mrs S Forster, Ms R M Gratton, G N Hepworth, D McKenna, T Shepherd, B Taylor, Miss L Willis.

Apologies: Mrs L Kennedy.

Observer: Mrs G Bleasdale.

Officers: P Fletcher (Deputy 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.

PL08/21 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.

PL09/21 ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED that Members accept the amendment to the standing orders to incorporate the new regulations from the Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, to conduct virtual Council meetings.

PL10/21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 12TH JANUARY, 2021

RECOMMENDED the Minutes of these meetings, copies of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, were approved at the last Full Council meeting and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

PL11/21 PLANNING ISSUES

a) Monthly List

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information provided.

PL12/21 **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

SCOTLAND TO ENGLAND GREEN LINK PROJECT

Members discussed the Scotland to England Green Link Project and agreed that they required further information such as the route plan for the cables as this could be an environmental issue.

RECOMMENDED that the Deputy Town Clerk corresponds with the Scotland to England Green Link Project to request further information on the project and to bring this back to the next available meeting.

PL13/21 **THE INCLINE**

The Deputy Town Clerk updated Members that the works to repair the lights at the underpass on the Incline would be starting within the next week or two.

A Member requested that this information be placed on the Town Councils website to inform members of the public of the situation.

RECOMMENDED that:

- (i) A notice to be displayed on the Town Councils website to inform members of the public of the repairs to the lights at the underpass.
- (ii) Members note the information provided.

PL14/21 **SEWERAGE ISSUES**

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that a meeting to discuss the sewerage issues has been arranged to take place on the 4th March, 2021 at 1.00pm.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information provided.

PL15/21 **SEAHAM GRANGE FARM**

The Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that Seaham Grange Farm is currently for sale and advised that the Town Council should keep an eye on this land in the near future as the land maybe sold to a housing developer. A Member noted that the land North of Seaham was originally designated as green belt land but was unsure if this was still the case.

Members noted that if the land is used for further housing the borders between Sunderland and Seaham would become ever closer.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information provided.

PL16/21 **PRESS OPPORTUNITIES**

RECOMMENDED that there were no press opportunities from this meeting.

The meeting was then closed by the Chair.