

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am to inform you that a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2017 at 7.15 p.m.**

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

To consider written requests for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable pecuniary interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest that has not been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances or which are about a matter where there is a right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been the subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.

5. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 5th April 2017 (Previously Circulated)

... 6. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator for the eight weeks ended the 21st May 2017.

... 7. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager for the eight weeks ended the 21st May 2017.

... 8. **CEMETERIES REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator for the eight weeks ended the 21st May 2017.

... 9. **WORKS AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICE PLAN 2017-2018**

To consider the attached report and Service Plan for the Works and Environment Department for 2017-2018.

... 10. **ARMSTRONG CLOSE PLANNING APPEAL**

To consider the attached report from the Corporate and Policy Officer.

... 11. **TREE COMPLAINT**

To consider the attached letter from a resident of School Aycliffe.

... 12. **GREAT AYCLIFFE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM**

To consider the attached report from the Corporate and Policy Officer.

... 13. **NATURE PARK – GREAT CRESTED NEWTS MITIGATION**

To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager.

14. **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

To agree the following Terms of Reference for the Planning Sub-Committee as per Environment Committee dated 17th May 2017 - Minute No. 4:-

Planning Sub-Committee

To appoint annually and to assign to the Planning Sub-Committee the following functions:-

- (a) *The Planning Sub-Committee shall comprise a number of members to be determined at the Annual General Meeting.*
- (b) *That meetings be held as and when required.*
- (c) *The Planning Sub-Committee will deal with planning applications, with particular reference to policies that are within the Council's emerging Neighbourhood Plan.*
- (d) *The Planning Sub-Committee has been delegated powers to respond on behalf of the Council to Durham County Council in relation to those planning applications.*

Note: All members of the Council will be notified of the planning applications which will be considered at each meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee in order that they may attend and make representations.

15. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(1) To consider the undermentioned planning applications:-

- (a) Change of use of land to private residential curtilage – Land North of 41 Garburn Place, Newton Aycliffe.
- (b) Erection of single storey side/rear extension – 6 Rookwood Hunt, Newton Aycliffe.

- (c) Reserved matters approval relation to approved plot 2 pursuant to outline approval ref: DM/16/00728/OUT – Land to the East of Osric Place, Newton Aycliffe.
- (2) To receive for information the undermentioned planning applications, prior notice of which has been circulated to all Members of the Council. Durham County Council have been notified of the listed comments on each application:-**
- (a) Discharge of conditions – 3 (wall/roof materials), 4 (windows and doors), 6 (noise attenuation), 7 (drainage), 9 (landscaping) of planning permission DM/15/03160/FPA – Barn and Stables to the South of 7 High Street, Aycliffe Village.
No objections.
- (b) Erection of single storey rear (retrospective) and side extensions, erection of side extension to detached garage, replacement of rear boundary wall with timber fence and various fenestration alterations – 13 Sanderson Close, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
- (c) Demolition of existing warehouse and construction of new warehouse with alterations to existing loading/unloading facilities and associated external works including fencing – PWS Distributors, Station Road, Aycliffe Business Park.
No objections.
- (d) Variation of approved site layout and reduction in No. of units – Travellers Green, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
- (e) Erection of garage – Yard 2, IES Centre, Horndale Avenue, Aycliffe Business Park.
No objections.
- (f) Change of use to a pet crematorium and installation of a chimney – Forget Me Not Crematorium – Bldg.12e/465/b2 Burtree Road, Aycliffe Industrial Park.
No objections.
- (g) Erection of 9 Houses – Livin – Site of the Former Oak Tree Inn, Neville Parade, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
- (h) Erection of two storey rear extension – 12 Emerson Way, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
- (i) Erection of 69 No. dwellings including access, landscaping and associated infrastructure – Land to the North of Middridge Road, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors E. Adam, M. Ashcroft, J. Atkinson, D.G. Atkinson, Kathryn Beetham, P.J. Bergg, B. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, G.C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, D. Hardaker, K. Henderson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, Mrs. K. Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw, K. Robson and P. Symons.