

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2012** at **7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor V Crosby** (Chairman) and  
Councillors S Bambridge, Mrs D Bowman, T R Bowman,  
Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, B Curtis, Mrs M Dalton, P  
Ducker, R S Fleming, G C Gray, I Gray, Mrs J Gray, B  
Haigh, Mrs S Haigh, B Hall, K Henderson, Mrs K Hopper,  
M Iveson, Mrs S J Iveson, Mrs A Palmer, Mrs E M Paylor,  
Mrs V M Raw and A Warburton.

**IN ATTENDANCE** Councillors W M Blenkinsopp and G R Gray

**OFFICIALS**                Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr S Cooper (Environment Officer)  
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)  
Miss J Simpson (Leisure Manager)  
Mr D Thompson (Works Manager)

74.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor W Iveson.

75.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

76.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

77.    **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor A Warburton, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Dalton and

**RESOLVED** - that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

78.    **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor B Hall, seconded by Councillor B Haigh and

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Sub-Committee held on the 29<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

79. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

The Works Manager submitted his report for the six weeks ended the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The report detailed inspections and general maintenance to the allotments.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that the report be received

80. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

The Works Manager and Environment Officer submitted their report for the six weeks ended the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012. The report set out details of progress made in the Jubilee Woodland and the work carried out by volunteers in various areas of the Parish.

Information on burials and vandalism was also set out in the report.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that the report be received

81. **GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

**RESOLVED** - that it be noted that the undermentioned grants of grave space have been issued:

West Cemetery

Grave No. I 202	Rebecca Hannan
Grave No. N 69	Marjorie Hancock

82. **WORKS SERVICE PLAN**

The Works Manager submitted the draft Works and Environment Service Plan for 2012-2013 for members consideration.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) The Plan be approved.

83. **TREES – SMYTHSONS CLOSE**

The Works Manager submitted a report which requested members to consider a further request from a resident of Smythsons Close regarding the proximity trees on Council owned land to the rear of their property.

**RESOLVED** - that it be recommended that:

- (i) The resident be advised to commission a structural survey at their own expense to determine any possible damage that may be caused by the tree or the removal of the tree.

- (ii) The Council would then consider the results of that survey.
- (iii) The Council consider the removal of the tree if the survey concludes that this is necessary.

84. **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Town Clerk submitted a report which requested members to consider the dissolution of the Planning Sub Committee.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that:

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) The Planning Sub-Committee be dissolved.
- (iii) All Members to receive copies of all Planning Applications which are to be dealt with under delegated powers.

**CHAIRMAN**