

Minutes of the meeting of the **PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 5TH OCTOBER 2011** at **4.00 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor V. Crosby (Chairman)** and
Councillors Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, B. Haigh, B. Hall, Mrs.
K. Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw and A. Warburton.

OFFICIALS Mrs. C. Walton (Corporate and Policy Officer)

44. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor A. Warburton.

45. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

46. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from members of the public.

47. **MINUTES**

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

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee held on the 21st September 2011 were a correct record.

48. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the undermentioned planning applications:

- (a) Erection of 2 No. Advertising Hoardings – Sapphire House, IES, Centre, Unit 2 Horndale Avenue, Newton Aycliffe.
- (b) Felling of 3 No. Sycamore Trees protected by TPO SBC-17-2005 – Land to the rear of 32 The Grange, Woodham, Newton Aycliffe.
- (c) Erection of conservatory to rear – 43 Bousfield Crescent, Newton Aycliffe.
- (d) Installation of 20 No. solar panels onto west facing elevation – Woodham Village Community Centre, St Elizabeth Close, Newton Aycliffe.
- (e) New shop front and fascia sign – Unit B2 Avenue House, Greenwell Road, Newton Aycliffe.
- (f) Proposed 17 No. bay car park to the south west corner of the site – Plasmor Ltd., Groat Avenue, Aycliffe Business Park, Newton Aycliffe.
- (g) 2M Crown reduction of 1 No. Sycamore Tree - to rear 92 Hawkshead Place, Newton Aycliffe and felling of 1 No. Horse Chestnut Tree - to rear 64 Hawkshead Place, Newton Aycliffe.

RESOLVED – that the following responses be forwarded to Durham County Council:

- (a) No objections.
- (b) In this instance the Town Council would offer no objection, without prejudice to the felling of the trees provided 3 native species of trees are replanted in their place.
However further applications for the felling of trees covered by a TPO will be considered on the individual merits of the application.
- (c) No objections.
- (d) No objections.
- (e) There is concern that this application is to circumvent the previous application for the inappropriate signage, warehouse and distribution centre which the Town Council objected strongly to. (Please see the previous comments 7/2011/0357/DM).
However the Town Council would support this application but only if it is indeed to be used as a retail shop and not as a disguise for a warehouse which would need a change of use application. In addition, any signage should be kept to a minimum.
The Town Council have a number of concerns regarding this application and would request that this is designated a committee matter rather than delegated decision and is discussed alongside the other planning application for this property.
- (f) No objections.
- (g) No objection to the reduction in height of the sycamore tree.

No objection to the felling of the horse chestnut tree providing a native species is planted in its place.

CHAIRMAN.