

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, 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 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. **RIVER SKERNE LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL**

Mr. Jim Cokill from 3Rivers Local Nature Partnership will be in attendance to give a presentation and answer questions on the River Skerne Landscape proposals.

6. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

... 7. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Works Manager for the six weeks ended the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

... 8. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Works Manager and the Environment Officer for the six weeks ended the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

9. **GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

To report that the undermentioned grant of grave spaces have been issued:

West Cemetery

Grave No. J 39	John Casson
Grave No. I 222	Valerie Welham
Grave No. K 2	Craig Austin Leadbitter
Grave No. K 130	John Stevenson
Grave No. K 69	Stephen McCourt
Grave No. N 96	Leanne Dobson

Stephenson Way Cemetery

Grave No. C134	Keith Smith
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... 10. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE**

To consider the attached report from the Community Neighbourhood Engagement Officer.

... 11. **WINTER MAINTENANCE**

To consider background information from the Works Manager in respect of an item to be raised by Councillor A.M. Chandran.

... 12. **FLYTIPPING CAMPAIGN LAUNCH**

To consider the attached response from Durham County Council in respect of the CCTV Flytipping Initiative.

... 13. **PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS ORDER**

To consider the attached information from Durham County Council.

14. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**(1) To consider the undermentioned planning applications:-**

- (a) Installation and operation of 5MW solar farm and associated infrastructure, including photovoltaic panels, mounting frames, inverters, transformers, substations, communications building, access tracks, pole-mounted CCTV cameras and fence – Land to the West of Preston Road, Aycliffe Business Park.
- (b) Conversion of 4No. shop units into library and customer access point and relocation of entrance – Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, Greenwell Road, Newton Aycliffe.

**(2) Prior Notification Planning Applications – (for information only)**

**A planning application which is given a PNH / MPN reference is considered ‘deemed consent’, similar to permitted development and the Town Council cannot object to a householder PNH / MPN application. If the planning authority had any issues they would ask for further details and a full planning application.**

- (a) Prior notification for the erection of a conservatory to the rear measuring 4 metres in length and 4 metres in height to the apex of the roof – 45 Biscop Crescent, Newton Aycliffe.
- (b) Prior notification for the erection of a rear conservatory measuring 4.85m in length and 2.85m in height to the apex of the roof – 69 Pemberton Road, Newton Aycliffe.
- (c) Erection of two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and insertion of a new window in each gable wall at first floor level – 18 Sorrell Wynd, Newton Aycliffe.

**(3) 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) Creation of additional area for vehicular parking to the east of the building at the former Presswork Metals, Ltd. Durham Way South Aycliffe Business Park.  
*No objections.*
- (b) Extension to existing factory unit and associated soft and hard landscaping at Steel and Alloy Processing Ltd, Durham Way North, Aycliffe Business Park.  
*No objections.*
- (c) Erection of first floor rear extension and insertion of new window at first floor in gable wall at 18 Middridge Farms, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*
- (d) Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to bedroom at 19 Colwell Court, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillors E. Adam, J. Atkinson, B. Blenkinsopp, R. Bowman, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, M.A. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, I. Gray, G.C. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. I. Hewitson, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, P. Kjenstad, Mrs. V.M. Raw, D. Summers, T. Twissell and C. Wheeler.