

7 January 2016

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, 13th JANUARY 2016** 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 25th November 2015. (Previously Circulated)

... 6. **ALLOTMENT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

To receive the notes of the Allotment A.G.M. held on the 26th November 2015.

... 7. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager for the seven weeks ended the 3rd January 2016.

... 8. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager for the seven weeks ended the 3rd January 2016.

9. **GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

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

West Cemetery

Grave No. N 56 Sylvia Shorey
Grave No. K 4 George Richards

Stephenson Way

Grave No. G 26a Jillian Coates

... 10. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE**

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

11. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

(1) To consider the undermentioned planning applications:-

- (a) Erection of industrial shed – Aycliffe Quarry, Aycliffe Village.
- (b) Outline application for the erection of a drive through fast food restaurant with all matters excluding access, layout and scale reserved – Land adjacent to Central Avenue, 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) Installation of process equipment in order to upgrade biogas to biomethane for the purpose of direct injection into the national gas grid – Emerald Biogas, Preston Road, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
- (b) Erection of single storey rear extension – 10 Heighington Street, Aycliffe Village.
No objections.
- (c) Advertisement consent for display of No.1 fascia sign, 1 No. ATM surround and No. 3 associated information and display sign – Nat West Bank, 11 Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
- (d) Erection of two storey side extension – 23 Hareson Road, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
- (e) Demolition of No. 11 and 12 Brough Close, Aycliffe Young Peoples Centre.
No objections.

- (f) Erection of 3 No. double storey height extension, 3 No. associated silo's, external cladding of existing building, new access and extension to existing car park – Schlegel Building Products, Coatham Avenue, Aycliffe Industrial Estate.
No objections.
 - (g) Change of use from Betting Shop (Sui Generis) to restaurant café (A3) and/or Hot Food Takeaway (A5) – William Hill, 35 Beveridge Way, Newton Aycliffe.
No objections.
 - (h) Access improvement works, formation of new access road, regrading land to facilitate development and erection of electrical substation and associated infrastructure, land adjacent Newton Park Services, Coatham Mundeville.
No objections.
 - (i) Loft conversion including installation of 2No. dormer windows on front roof slope and 1 No. dormer window and 2 No. roof lights to rear roof slope – 3 Karles Close, Newton Aycliffe.
- (3) Prior Notification Planning Applications – (for information only)**
A planning application which is given a PN reference is considered 'deemed consent', similar to permitted development and the Town Council cannot object to a householder PN application. If the planning authority had any issues they would ask for further details and a full planning application.
- (a) Prior notification of the demolition of office and toilet block and gate house – Central Park Industrial Estate, Durham Way, Newton Aycliffe.
 - (b) Prior notification of the installation alteration or replacement of other solar photovoltaics (PV) equipment on the roofs of non domestic buildings up to a capacity of 1 megawatt – Unit 35A Northfield Way, Aycliffe Business Park.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors E. Adam, D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, P.J. Bergg, 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 and C. Wheeler. (Vacancy)