

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, 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013 at 7.15 p.m.**

Yours faithfully,

**Town Clerk.**

**AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **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.

3. **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.

4. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

... 5. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Works Manager for the seven weeks ended the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

... 6. **BEE KEEPING**

To consider the attached report from the Works Manager.

... 7. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Works Manager and the Environment Officer for the seven weeks ended the 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2013

8. **GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

To report that the undermentioned grants of grave space have been issued:

West Cemetery

Grave No. K 136	Frances Burdess
Grave No. K 138	Helen Clare Peacock
Grave No. I 208	Joanne Skillicorn

## 9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- (a) Increase in ridge height and installation of 1 dormer window to front and 1 dormer window to rear roof slope – 18 The Green, Aycliffe Village.

### **(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) Non material amendment to approval for erection of six dwellings at Barrington Road Garages, Newton Aycliffe.

*No objections.*

- (b) Felling of 1 Beech Tree at St. Andrew's Churchyard, Church Lane, Aycliffe Village.

*No objections providing the Beech Tree is replaced with an Oak as stated.*

- (c) Erection of single storey side and front extension at 23 The Bridle, Woodham, Newton Aycliffe.

*Although the Council have some concerns over the loss of off street parking, if the Highway Authority is satisfied with the proposal the Town Council would therefore have no objection to the proposal.*

- (d) Installation of 6 external cooler units on the South West elevation of Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre, Greenwell Road, Newton Aycliffe.

*Although the Council have some concerns over the potential for anti-social behaviour they would offer no objection to the proposal.*

- (e) Felling of 1 Eucalyptus Tree at 36 The Green, Aycliffe Village.

*This is a non-native species and as such the Town Council have no objections to the proposal providing the owner replaced the tree with a suitable native species.*

- (f) Erection of single storey side extension – 1 Barnard Close, Newton Aycliffe.

*The Council would wish to object to the proposal as the footprint of the building will exceed 50% of the original property with this additional extension, taking into account previous extensions which have been granted and built.*

## **MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillors S. Bambridge, W.M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, T.R. Bowman, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, V. Crosby, B. Curtis, Mrs. M. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, P. Gittins, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. W. Hillary, Mrs. K. Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer, Mrs. V.M. Raw and A. Warburton. (2 Vacancies)