

29 August 2013

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, 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013** 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013.

... 6. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Works Manager for the nine weeks ended the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

... 7. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

To consider the attached report from the Works Manager and the Environment Officer for the nine weeks ended the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

8. **GRANTS OF GRAVE SPACE**

To report that the undermentioned grant of grave space has been issued:

West Cemetery

Grave No. I 240	S.J. Pipe
Grave No. I 216	Rebecca Lister
Grave No. R 50	Joan Wales
Grave No. N 66	Darren Collins

Stephenson Way

Grave No. F 126	Elizabeth F. Hopper
Grave No. F 124	Susan Peel
Grave No. F 125	Peter J. Brett

... 9. **STREET LIGHTING POLICY**

To consider making a response on behalf of the Council in respect of the Street Lighting Policy Consultation.

... 10. **TREES – AYCLIFFE VILLAGE GREEN**

To consider the attached report from the Works Manager.

... 11. **BUS SHELTER – AYCLIFFE VILLAGE**

To consider the attached report from the Works Manager.

... 12. **PROPOSED FOOTPATH DIVERSION**

To consider the attached information from Durham County Council.

13. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

- (a) Erection of part two storey part first floor side extension including garage conversion and conservatory to rear – 26 Zetland Hunt, Newton Aycliffe.
- (b) Erection of Granny Annex to side / front including 2No. Dormer Windows on North Roof Slope – 7 Rookwood Hunt, 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) Change of use to estate agency, kiosk adjacent to Aldi, Greenfield Way, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*
- (b) Factory extension at Ness Furniture Lt., St. Cuthberts Way, Aycliffe Industrial Estate.  
*No objections.*

- (c) Felling of 1No. Whitebeam (T21) and Crown lift to 3.5m of 24 trees covered by TPO SBC=2005 on land to South East of Hamilton Close, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*
- (d) Installation of front access ramp at 19 Walker Lane, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*
- (e) Single storey rear extension at 34 Eade Close, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*
- (f) Change of use of land to side and front of property from open space to private garden and erection of 1-2m high boundary wall at 1 St. Andrews Court, Aycliffe Village.  
*The Town Council would object to this proposal for the following reasons:-*
- *The proposed 2m high solid brick wall is not in character and keeping with the surrounding area and will have a detrimental impact on the street scene.*
  - *The loss of the shrub bed as open space will have a large negative impact on the surrounding area.*
- (g) Erection of part first floor part two storey front / side extension and single storey rear extension at 14 Wynyard Court, Newton Aycliffe.  
*It is recommended that considering that previous similar applications have already been approved the Town Council would, in this instance, have no objections to the proposal.*
- (h) Outline application for the erection of 7No. dwellings with some matters reserved – Bluebell Filling Station, Greenfield Way.  
*The Council have no objections to the proposal for outline planning permission.*
- (i) Erection and display of 2No. fascia signs to the North and East elevations and 2No. non-illuminated entrance signs at Compound Photonics Millennium Way, Heighington Lane Business Park, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*
- (j) Engineering operations associated with additional railway track – land North of Whiley Hill Farm and adjacent railway line, Newton Aycliffe.  
*No objections.*
- (k) Restrospective application for installation of air conditioning units at Bewick Crescent Surgery, 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.