

Minutes of the meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **Wednesday 12th OCTOBER 2016** at 7.15 pm

PRESENT **Councillor I Gray**, (Chairman) and
Councillors E Adam, M Ashcroft, D G Atkinson, J Atkinson,
B Blenkinsopp, A M Chandran, Mrs B A Clare, J D Clare, J Clark,
N Collinson, Mrs M Dalton, M A Dalton, R S Fleming, G C Gray,
B Hall, K Henderson, J P Hillary, Mrs W P Hillary, M Iveson,
Mrs S J Iveson, W Iveson, P Kjenstad and Mrs V M Raw.

OFFICIALS Mr D Austin (Finance Manager)
Mr A Bailey (Town Clerk)
Mr S Cooper (Works & Environment Manager)
Mrs M J Robinson (Leisure & Environment Assistant)
Mrs J Thexton (Leisure Manager)
Miss J Welch (Golf Manager)
Mr L Williams (Grounds Maintenance and Service Coordinator)

35. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P. Bergg, Mrs S Haigh, Mrs I Hewitson, K Robson and C Wheeler.

36. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

37. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J.D. Clare declared an interest in agenda item No. 11 as a member of Durham County Council, however, he would remain in the meeting during the discussions thereon.

38. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the public.

39. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor R S Fleming seconded by Councillor M Ashcroft and

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee held on the 31st August 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40. **ALLOTMENTS REPORT**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted his report for the period ending 2nd October 2016. The report detailed inspections and general maintenance to the allotments.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that the report be received.

41. **ALLOTMENTS VISIT REPORT**

The Grounds Maintenance Services Coordinator submitted a report which gave information regarding a visit by members to the allotments in September 2016.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that

- i. The report be received.
- ii. Visits to all Council properties be organised for members after the next Parish Election.

42. **ENVIRONMENT REPORT**

The Works and Environment Manager submitted his report for the period ending 2nd October 2016. The report updated members public and community events which had been held, site management and vandalism.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended:

- i. That the report be received.
- ii. That an appeal be made in the local media for witnesses of the theft of the fence in Burn Lane.

43. **CEMETERIES REPORT**

The Grounds Maintenance and Service Coordinator submitted a report which gave information regarding burials and grants of grave space.

RESOLVED - that it be noted that the undermentioned grants of grave space had been issued:

West Cemetery

Grave No. I245	Linda Langsley
Grave No. I246	Linda Langsley
Grave No. R110a	Gary Stott
Grave No. R53	Maureen Thompson

Stephenson Way Cemetery

Grave No. F157	Patricia Ivy Pennack
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44. **DRAFT ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS**

The Finance Manager submitted a draft Revenue and Capital Budget for 2017/2018 for members' consideration in respect of the Environment Committee.

Members considered each section of the Budgets for the Environment Committee and

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report and draft Revenue and Capital Budget figures for 2017/18 be received.

45. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(1) Members were requested to consider the undermentioned planning applications:-

- (a) Conversion of garage to habitable room and widening of drive for additional space – 3 Hareson Road, Newton Aycliffe.
- (b) Erection of front bay window extension – 17 Beaumont Close, Newton Aycliffe.
- (c) Erection of front porch and detached summer room to rear – 7 The Bridle, Newton Aycliffe.
- (d) 3 No retail units and associated car parking – Pacre Stores, Unit 4, Redworth Way, Aycliffe Business Park.

(2) Members were requested to receive for information the undermentioned planning applications, prior notice of which had been circulated to all Members of the Council. Durham County Council had been notified of the listed comments on each application:

- (a) Erection of single storey rear extension – 29 Millfields, Aycliffe Village.
No objections.
- (b) Erection of 3 no. B1A office blocks comprising of 14 two storey studios with associated vehicular and pedestrian access, car parking and associated works – land at junction of Durham Way South and Durham Way, Aycliffe Business Park.
No objections.

RESOLVED - that it be recommended that:-

Application 1 (a) to (d) no objections.

Applications 2 (a) and (b) - be received.

CHAIRMAN